

## ESSENTIAL VOCABULARY/WORD BANK

Rhyming	When two or more words have endings that sound the same.
Verse	A set of lines in a poem.
Stanza	A set of lines in a poem that follows a set pattern.
Expanded noun phrase	The use of adjectives to describe a noun. Often, adjective, adjective noun.
Syllable	Beats in a word.
Simile	A technique that uses 'like' or 'as' to describe something.
Alliteration	Is when you use the same sound at the beginning of words, e.g. 'graceful, gliding, glorious'.
Onomatopoeia	When saying a word aloud sounds like the thing it describes, e.g. bang, crash, etc.

**Final Outcome**  
To independently write and perform a free verse poem.



**Structure**  
We are following the structure of 'The magic Box' by Kit Wright.  
We will be thinking about:  
1. What would you put inside your magic box?  
2. What will your box be made from?  
3. What will you do with your box?

**Overview**

- Free verse poems are poems that do not have to follow a set structure.
- They do not have to rhyme in a certain way or have lines of a certain length. They also do not have to look a certain way on a page.
- They often contain figurative language.
- We can use the five senses within our poems to enhance a description – smell, sound, taste, touch and sight.
- Free verse poems often tell a story, describe a subject/object, or explain an emotion.

**Metaphor**

She is a ray of sunshine.  
I smell a rat.  
He is the light of my life.  
A rollercoaster of emotions.

**Onomatopoeia**

Crash! Splash! Boom!  
Pop! Bam! Snap!  
Honk! Buzz! Drip!  
Swish! Ring! Crackle!

**Alliteration**

Eric's eagle eats eggs.  
Dreary, dismal darkness.  
Pretty purple purses.  
All apples are alike.

**Simile**

White as snow.  
Quiet as a mouse.  
Busy as a bee.  
Cute as a kitten.

**Non-negotiables for this piece of work**

I have carefully chosen my:

- Nouns (things): rather than 'tree', be more exact, e.g. 'oak' or 'willow'.
- Adjectives (describing words): rather than 'big' use 'vast' or 'sprawling'.
- Verbs (actions): rather than 'runs', use 'sprints' or 'stagers'.

**Punctuation Checklist**

○ End sentences with a **. ? !**  
Full stop (for most sentences), exclamation mark (for funny, scary or exciting points) or question mark (for questions).

