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THEATRE
SCARBOROUGH

Poetry: kennings

A kenning describes something familiar in an uncommon way, without using its name, for example mouse catcher = cat.

They can be developed into a poem, which usually takes the form of a list – and each depiction of the object is two words.

A kenning can also be like a riddle that gives clues as to the subject, for example:

Music playing
Curtains lifting
Voices projecting
Lines delivering
Lights following
Hands clapping

- Create your own poem about the theatre and then perhaps think of other places you could create a kenning poem or riddle for. You could choose:

A dark and scary wood
A castle
A busy shop
A theme park

Or think of your own places!

National Curriculum links:

Prepare poems and plays to read aloud and to perform, showing understanding through intonation, tone and volume so that the meaning is clear to an audience.