

# Songwriting and Poetry Workshop: Beyond the Window

## Overview:

With a strong emphasis on creating 'setting' and 'narrative,' children will explore how art, melody, and sensory elements can enhance their poetry. Through interactive activities, they'll learn to craft pieces that are both meaningful and emotive, transforming their ideas into vivid expressions.

**Suitable for:** KS1 and KS2 children

**Duration:** 45 minutes to 1 hour

## Workshop Objectives

1. **Foster Creativity:** Encourage children to use their imaginations to create vivid settings and narratives in their poetry.
2. **Develop Artistic Skills:** Enhance artistic expression as students visualize their ideas through drawing and other creative mediums.
3. **Enhance Narrative Skills:** Promote the development of storytelling techniques that enrich their poetry, making it more engaging and relatable.
4. **Incorporate Sensory Elements:** Teach children how to weave sensory details into their poetry, adding depth and emotion to their work.
5. **Learn about Melody:** Explore how melody and music can help construct poetry, enhancing the overall rhythm and flow of their pieces.
6. **Build Confidence:** Provide a supportive platform for students to share their poetry, boosting their confidence in self-expression.

## **Materials Needed**

- Drawing paper for visualizing settings and themes
- Colored pencils, markers, and paints for artistic expression

## **National Curriculum Alignment**

### **English (Writing and Spoken Language):**

- Creative Writing: Children will craft imaginative poems that reflect their ideas and emotions.
- Storytelling: Develops narrative techniques, including setting, character, and plot within poetry.

### **Art:**

- Drawing and Design: Students practice artistic skills to illustrate their poetic themes.
- Creativity: Encourages visual representation of ideas, enhancing their overall artistic expression.

### **Personal, Social, and Health Education (PSHE):**

- Collaboration: Working in pairs or groups promotes social skills and cooperation.

- Emotional Expression: Provides a safe space for children to express their feelings and thoughts through poetry.

This workshop fosters creativity and collaboration by blending art and poetry, allowing students to explore and express their imaginative voices in fresh, exciting ways!

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