

THEALE GREEN SCHOOL TRANSITION ENGLISH ACTIVITY

The English Department wishes you all a warm welcome to Theale Green School!

English at Theale Green will give you the opportunity to express yourself through the written word as well as engaging with a huge wealth of books from varied authors and cultures. We will study science fiction writing, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and autobiographies amongst many other exciting fiction and non-fiction texts.

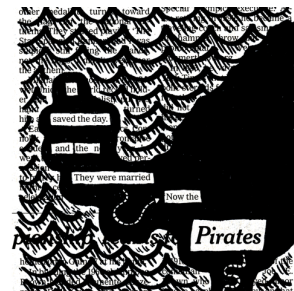
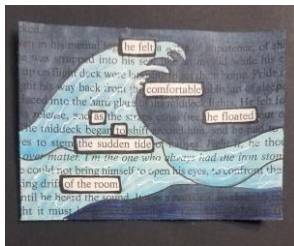


ENGLISH CHALLENGE

Part of your learning in Year 7 will focus on an introduction to Poetry, considering narrative poems (poems which tell a story) and poems about mythical creatures. Poetry is a great way to express yourself but also can be more difficult to write because you are trying to use fewer words than in a novel.

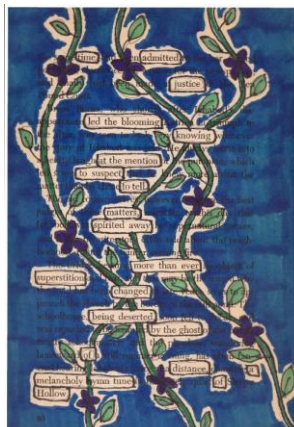
Your challenge is to create your own 'blackout' poem, on a topic of your choosing. You can do this by following the below instructions:

1. Finding some pages with words on them. These can come from magazines, newspapers, or very old falling-apart books that you are ready to let go (ask someone at home first!).
2. Skim your page of words. Don't read carefully, as the point is just to grab an idea from the words, not take them in. Find a word, phrase, or general theme that you like.
3. Go through your poem and boldly box the words you are keeping for your poem with pen.
4. Read through your final poem. Draw in a few images or symbols on your page that relate to the theme of your poem.
5. Using a sharpie, pen, or pencil, black out everything that is not a word in your poem or one of your own drawings.



For help, you may wish to watch one of the following videos:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3jNMxDZBk2k>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Maed55XObjU>



We would really love to see your blackout poetry creations so please do e-mail your poems to transition@thealegreen.w-berks.sch.uk, letting us know whether you are happy for this to be shared on social media. In addition, all students who submit poems will be awarded house points allowing you to start to work towards the Philosopher's Stone before September!

Good luck!