

Our Learning Keys

Reading Skills

Fiction - Sir Winter by Jean Kenward

Year 3

Autumn 2



Questions

- What do you picture in your mind's eye as you read this poem? Which words and phrases contribute to this?
- What is personification and how it is used in this poem?
- What can you see outside that is described in this poem?



About Jean Kenward

Jean Kenward was born in 1920 and recently died in 2022. Her poems often appeared in magazines such as Country Life and on BBC Radio 4's Poetry Corner. She published several collections of poems, starting with Rain (1946), which was dedicated to her brother, killed in the war, and, for children, A Book of Rhymes (1947). Her last collection of children's poems, Horses of the Moon, was published online in 2021.

Jean's poetry expresses a deep love of the natural world, and also a mischievous humour, often close to nonsense, such as one poem about an old woman made wholly of string, or another about a man who did everything backwards. Some of the more serious ones reveal a mystical centre, pondering the mysteries of life, death and change (she once said that after death she might return as a puddle), and the value of human relationships. She loved the sonnet form, which came naturally to her. In the poems for children, rhythm and rhyme are always important, and there is often a hidden meaning.



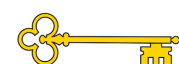
Links

- Geography and Science - seasonal changes through the year
- Christmas and wintry weather



Vocabulary

crept	shudder
keyhole	rattle
strip	strew
harden	quilt
husky dogs	pole



Reading Skills

- To enjoy a poem and understand its meanings
- To understand the themes of the text and make links to other, similar texts
- To understand the meaning of new vocabulary and broaden the children's vocabulary
- Make inferences and justify using evidence from the text
- Identify how meaning is enhanced through the choice of words and phrases
- Retrieve and record key information
- Explain what phrases mean and how they link to the subject of the poem



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