BRISTOL OPEN DOORS: ST JAMES PRIORY



Curriculum Focus	Literacy PSHE Art and Design	
Key Stage Level	2	
Bristol Opening Doors Link	St James Priory http://bristolopeningdoors.org/st-james-priory-church/	
Learning Objectives	 Write a kenning poem about a heritage building Explore an emotional response to a heritage building 	
Main Activity	1. INTRODUCTION	
	Explore the St James Priory building by either:	
	 Virtually using Bristol Opening Doors building profile (use the link above, film and audio clips available) 	
	 Arranging a physical visit (contact via website: www.stjamespriory.org.uk/contact-us) 	
	After exploring the building via film or during an actual visit, discuss with the children their initial thoughts/feeling about the building.	
	Do they like the building? Why/why not?	
	What words would they use to describe it?	
	How does a building like this make them feel?	
	2. WRITING A KENNING POEM	
	A kenning poem usually takes the form of a list of two-word phrases characteristic of Anglo-Saxon poetry. (http://poetryzone.co.uk/ childrens-archive/kennings/)	
	Kennings can be used to describe everyday people, animals and objects (eg. buildings), for example: Dog: face-licker	



Main Activity (cont.)	 Baby: noise-maker 		
	 Computer: data-giver 		
	Activity A: Word Sets		
	Hand out a pack of words to each group of children (PDF sets to print and cut out attached), explaining that the words describe how the St James' building might you feel (if a word they want to use isn't there, encourage them to write down their own). Explain that they will making a kenning poem based on the words they choose.		
	Activity B: Writing the Kenning poem		
	Encourage the children to:		
	 Select 10 words from the word collector sets. 		
	 Children to put them together in groups of two. 		
	 Arrange the groups of two into a list of five word pairs. 		
	 Share kenning poems with whole class. 		
	Extension		
	 Children to create a Kennings poem about a building of their choice using similar words 		
	 Think about how other buildings make the students feel 		
	3. WORD DRAWING		
	 Show children the picture of Abigail's drawing from St James Priory (PDF attached) – discuss. 		
	 Get children to make their own word drawing of St James Priory. What words would they include to describe different parts of the building? 		
Specific Curriculum Links	Literacy: synonyms and word choices PSHE: developing a sense of community Art: architecture and buildings for safety Developing feelings		
Websites	St James Priory website: www.stjamespriory.org.uk Bristol Opening Doors Resource: www.bristolopeningdoors.org The Architecture Centre: www.architecturecentre.org.uk Bristol Doors Open Day: www.bristoldoorsopenday.org.uk		



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