

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

LO: Kenning poem

kennings were originally written in Old English or Old Norse. A kenning describes something familiar in an uncommon way, without using its name. The poem usually takes the form of a list - and each depiction of the object is two words. Sometimes a kenning can take the form of a puzzle poem.

1) Read these kenning poems. Can you work out what or who is being described ?

<u>Who am I ?</u> Strict disciplinarian Big ogre Enthusiastic learner Silent observer Unquestionably genius Constructive critic Undoubtedly meanest Always ticks	<u>When?</u> Pipes knocking Distant roaring Quiet ticking Faint sniffing Gravel crunching Wind moaning Silence growing Tip tapping Heavy breathing Cat crying Owl hooting
<u>Where Do I Play?</u> Ball plucker Ball catcher Ball puncher Muddy scrambler Fast diver Crowd sorter Long kicker Expert thrower Ace defender Time passer Wall-builder Goal saver Game winner	<u>Who Am I?</u> Huge hugger Old jumper Bike rider Brick builder Stamp collector Armchair dozer Wisdom giver Life lover

2) Use everything you have learnt this week and the kennings you created yesterday to write a Viking kenning poem.

blade	killer	slaughtering
man	fighter	dreading
wood	raider	firing
monk	trader	thirsting
Valhalla	rower	rowing
Helheim	Hunter	pillaging
arrow	torturer	raiding
blood	slayer	trading
longship	settler	travelling
terror	builder	
mead	carver	
treasure	beggar	
Truce	bringer	
helmet	thinker	
shield	drinker	
village	hunter	
monastery	marauder	
pagan	destroyers	
	worshipper	
	bearer	