

Anthology of Poetry – Keats' Themes

Learning Outcome:

You will understand the ideas and themes of 'To Autumn' and relate them to the context

Which season is this? – think about the piece of music too



The Seasons

Spring

Summer

Autumn

Winter

What does the title 'To Autumn'
make you think about?

Keats poem is an ode

- What is an ode?
- <http://www.powerpoetry.org/resources/writing-ode-poem>

Try this – What is an ode?

Imagine Olaf were to write an 'Ode to Summer'. What would he include in his poem?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rnEB2F_v_cE

9B's Ode to Summer – which is better! 😊

Season of bees and fruit on trees,
With grass that's glorious green;
A drink in hand, listening to my favourite
band,
While a summer breeze gently blows the
leaves.

Up and down the summer fields,
climbing on hay bales
Flowers bloom - birds swoop for meals
Riding my scooter all around Wales

A summer breeze is better than a winter breeze
Sunny holidays - having a jolly time
Volleyballs in the sand, with an ice-cream in my hand
Birds singing a pretty rhyme

While scooter kids are learning a new line
Adults drop their kids off at the pool ;-)

Even machines will overheat – see the flames rise from the combine

Understanding the Poem

- Follow the poem and underline any words or phrases you don't understand.
- How can you work out what they mean?
- Write notes on the poem when you find out.
- What is the poem about?

What impression does Keats give you of Autumn?

(What is Autumn like?)

Stanza 1 – What is Keats celebrating?

Stanza 2 – What is Keats celebrating?

Stanza 3 – What is Keats celebrating?

Is this poem just about the
season of Autumn?

Which season are these people in?



How does life work?

- What do these clips tell you about life and how does it link to our poem?
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HwSKkKrUzUk>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9QM_M_nTuC4

Look carefully at the last stanza

- What happens in Autumn here?
- But is it bad?

What do you think the message
of this poem is?

Plenary

Use your prior knowledge of Keats and his life

How many links can you make between this poem and Keats' life?