**Learning Intention:** We are learning to analyse the connotations of words & identify themes in poetry

# FIRST FROST

A girl is freezing in a telephone booth, huddled in her flimsy coat, her face stained by tears and smeared with lipstick.

She breathes on her thin little fingers.

Fingers like ice. Glass beads in her ears.

She has to beat her way back alone down the icy street.

First frost. A beginning of losses.

The first frost of telephone phrases.

It is the start of winter glittering on her cheek, the first frost of having been hurt.

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(Trans. Stanley Kunitz)

1) What are the key themes in this poem? (be sure to cite the stanza for sake of clarity)

2) What are the connotations of the following words:

* Flimsy
* Stained
* Little fingers
* Beat her way back