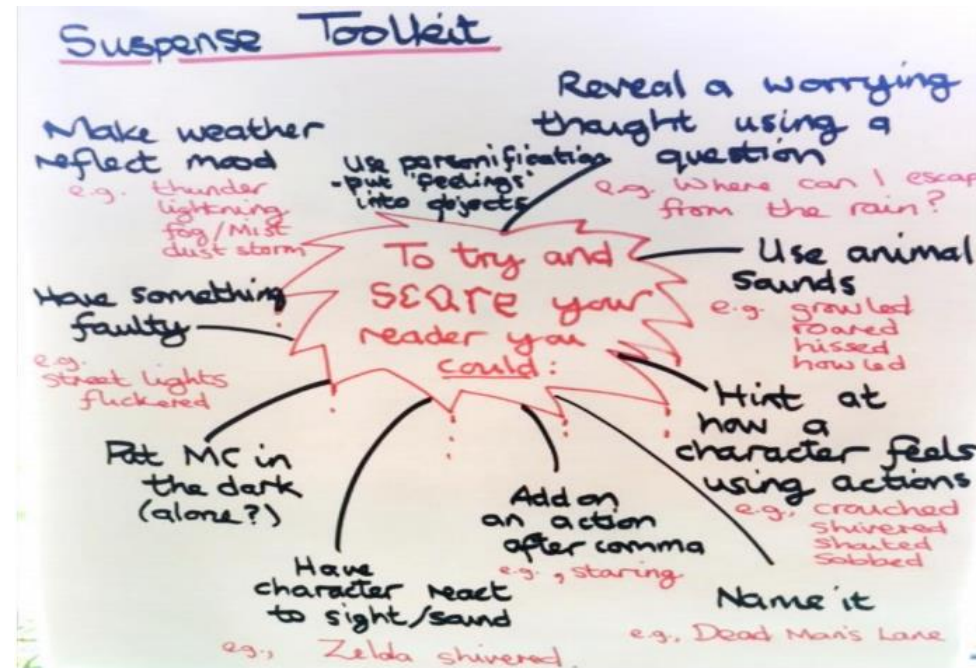# Activity - making a toolkit for suspense

- Now have a go yourself at seeing if you can spot any of these tools again in the next paragraph – the resolution one.
- Use Making a toolkit for suspense and the poster below to help you.

To create suspense, we can use…
- **Show not tell:**
    - Rahul gripped Joe's arms.
- **Short snappy sentences**
    - They froze.
    - It moved.
    - Slam!
- **Speech moves the action on**
    - "Quick, in here!"
    - "Run!"
    - "Get out of here"!
- **Empty words/nouns**
    - somebody,
    - Someone,
    - It…
- **Threatening noises**
    - footsteps
    - water dripping
    - silence
    - creaky floorboards
- **Questions to make your reader think (rhetorical questions)**
    - Who was there?
    - What was it?
    - Would they make it?

Suspense Toolkit

Challenge!
There are some additional ones - see if you can spot them.