

# Riddles

A powdery glaze in multicolour range  
makes these humans look a bit strange.

MAKE UP

Box with the alphabet on one of its side  
it uses a rodent to act as its guide.  
On its own it seems all but dead.  
Once awakened, it plays sounds, shapes  
and colours instead.

LAPTOP

In homes strange rectangular things  
one has 2 pipes, to a wall it clings.  
Hot or cold metal they do the job  
to change the weather just turn the knob.

RADIATOR

Small and thin with a cap in red  
struck it won't break but shine instead.

MATCH

A life-giving liquid, but with a taste  
strong or mild, it's always embraced.  
Hot or cold, at five o'clock  
to the kettle they all flock.

TEA

Never exact, but yet never too far  
with two or three hands it's very bizzare,  
to show you how much, but not in distance  
it's smallest unit is an instant.

CLOCK

A box with windows, high and narrow  
to bring elation and to bring sorrow.  
With room for one and some spare change  
some conversation done in exchange.

TELEPHONE BOX

Twice the load and twice the height  
for those up top it's a delight.  
To see so far, beyond the walls  
"Shortly we'll be at St. Paul's."

TOURIST BUS

A furnace trapped in metal clad  
the sound of buzzer going mad.  
Can be viewed and can be touched,  
with a cotton mitten firmly clutched.

OVEN

The science of avoiding death  
in a place of care and nurture.  
Machines that measure every breath,  
a voice saying: "This *might* hurt ya."

HOSPITAL

Transparent, it connects, divides  
the heat and light and sound.  
May rest on hinges or on slides  
yet it never touches the ground.

WINDOW

Invisible it travels among us all  
without it some things are dull.  
Absence of a working apparatus  
gives you quite a special status.

SOUND