



Literacy

This half-term in Literacy we will be focussing on the story of *Macbeth*. It will be an excellent opportunity for the children to be introduced to the language of Shakespeare, and will provide many opportunities to explore poetry, play scripts and aspects of the speaking and listening curriculum.

Pupils will have the opportunity to write a biography on William Shakespeare, write their own play scripts and perform. This will form a fantastic basis for extending their range of reading, writing and drama skills.

Numeracy

We will begin with problem solving involving time. We will then be deepening children's understanding of the links between fractions and decimals, before moving on to explore how to use decimals within calculations. We will be comparing, ordering, rounding, adding and subtracting decimal numbers.

We will also work on finding the area and perimeter of rectangles and compound shapes.

At home, please support your child to become confident with their times tables up to 10, and take any opportunities to talk to them about any fractions and decimals that you come across at home.

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Why the Quran is special to Muslims

Key Routines

Monday: Outdoor P.E.,

Tuesday:

Wednesday: Indoor P.E., homework handed in

Thursday:

Friday: Homework handed out

Key Dates

Thu - 2nd March - World Book Day - Shakespearean dress-up and performance by Museum of London

Thu - 16th March - Parents Open Afternoon - 3.30pm to 7.00pm

Mon 20th March - Shakespearean performance by children for parents - 2.45pm in the MUGA

Tue 21st March - Parents Open Afternoon - 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Fri 24th March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day - Charity Dress-up event 'Make your Laugh Matter'

Fri 31st March - Last Day of Term - 1.00pm finish

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and returned on a Wednesday. Please help your child where possible if they need it, and remind them to hand it in.

How you can help your child at home

Please continue to make sure your child reads daily and discuss books with them. Please practise the times tables with your child. They will also benefit from having access to a clock or watch at home, and talking about the time.

In Art, we'll be finding out:

- About hidden symbols in portraits of Queen Elizabeth I
- Designing our own symbols to include in a portrait of Queen Elizabeth.

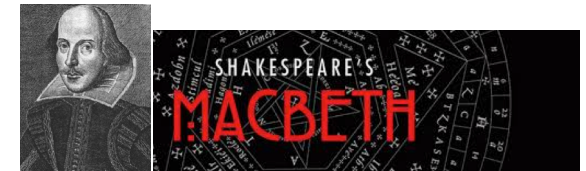
In Geography, we'll be finding out about:

- London during Elizabethan times
- The UK, in particular Scotland, where *Macbeth* is set.
- Where Shakespeare was born - Stratford Upon Avon.

Elizabethan England and Shakespeare

Spring Term 2

Year 4

 ***Ebony & Nutmeg*****In ICT, we'll be finding out:**

- How servers on the internet are located across the planet
- How email is sent across the Internet
- How the internet enables us to collaborate

Assistant