



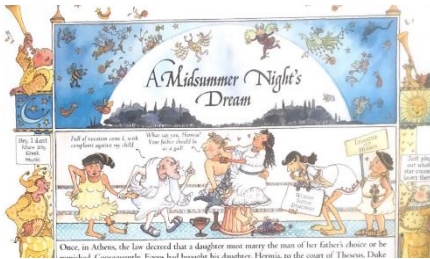
## All Saint's Shakespeare Week

This week in school, we have been celebrating Shakespeare's birthday (which is celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April). The whole school has been taking part in activities throughout the week and have been learning about some of Shakespeare's plays and the man himself.



Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 all took part in workshops ran by 'West End in Schools'. The workshops helped the children to explore Shakespeare's play of 'The Tempest' through drama and movement. The children were very creative with their acting and understood the play well. The feedback from West End in Schools was fantastic - we have a lot of budding Shakespeare fans and actors!

**Year 3:** In Year 3, children have been reading and learning about the play 'Romeo and Juliet'. The children have been learning about the play through drama and movement, creating tableaux and deciphering Shakespeare's language. Other activities have included creating cartoon strips of the play, writing diaries, ordering the story and listening/singing the Romeo and Juliet rap! The children seemed very impressed with Miss Snow's rendition of the 'Prince's' speech in Act 1, Scene 1.



**Year 4:** The children have been having lots of fun in Year 4, learning all about Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest'. They have been getting very creative with 'Whoosh!' drama activities, making finger puppets from the play, creating boats and sea soundscapes, as well as interpreting the text and writing character profiles.

**Year 5:** Year 5 have been learning all about 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children have been practicing their drama skills through 'Whoosh!' activities and using 'Snappy Shakespeare' to act out the play - a tricky task, for those who know the plot. As well as drama, the children have also been creating their own cartoon strips of the play and have had fun translating Shakespeare's English into modern-day. The children finished the week by learning all about the mystery of Shakespeare's missing skull!



**Year 6:** Further up the school, Year 6 have been delving into Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' and have been having particular fun with the characters of the witches! Through 'Whoosh' and other drama activities,



the children have been getting to grips with Shakespeare's vocabulary and had a lot of fun using some Shakespearean insults! The children have also been learning about the play by sequencing the story and writing the play as a narrative. They have continued with the theme of Shakespeare within art, creating some fantastic pieces of art based on the witches.