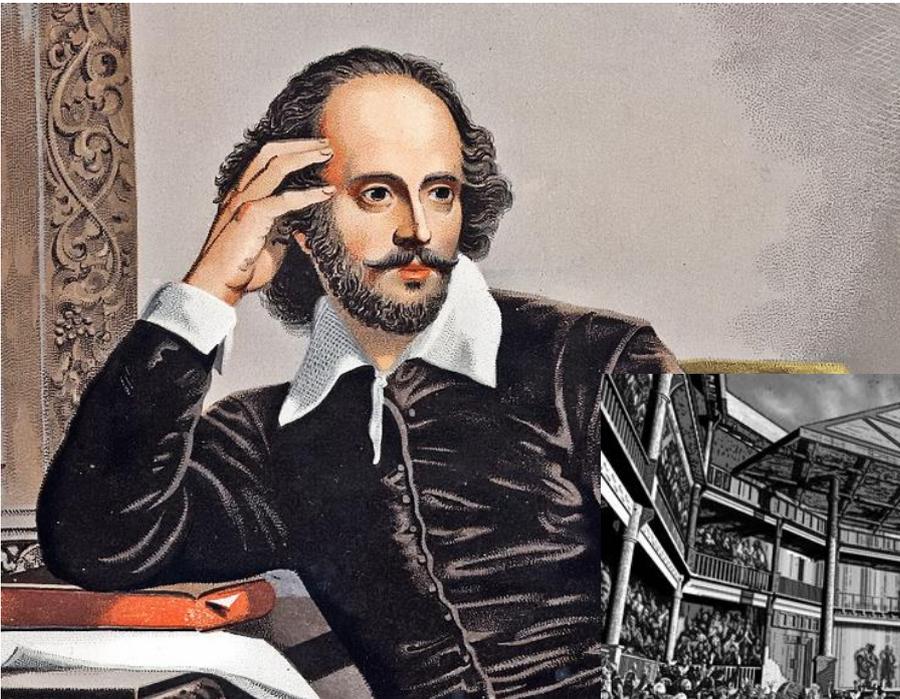


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William Shakespeare



Through a cross curricula approach to our learning we will research and present information about William Shakespeare. We will find out about his life, the traditions and superstitions at this time and how they influenced his work. We will look at Tudor art before creating our own version of Paul Klee's Castle and Sun.

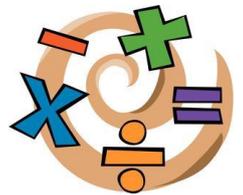
English



Through studying William Shakespeare in detail and looking closely at his plays, we will investigate different ways of writing dialogue including playscripts and the use of informal language. We will use prose excerpts from Romeo and Juliet to write our own playscript. We will have an in-depth look at the play Macbeth and comment on William Shakespeare's use of language and what he infers through his choice of words. We will analyse the complex relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth; use the murder of King Duncan to identify elements of a Shakespearean tragedy and create a newspaper report based on interviews with key characters from Macbeth.

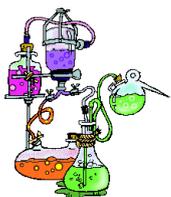
Mathematics

We will continue to consolidate and extend our understanding of number and place value, the four operations of calculation, fractions including decimals and percentages, ratio and proportion, algebra, measurement, properties of shape, position, direction and statistics.



Reading

The children will read weekly with their class teacher during a focused guided reading session. Children are given the opportunity to change their reading books daily. As you know, reading regularly with your child and asking questions about the book is very important, so please read with your child as often as possible.

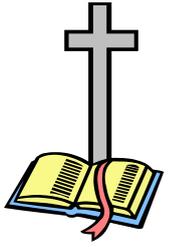


Science

We will explore the structure of the heart, lungs and blood. We will investigate the affects of exercise on our pulse rate and discuss why exercise is good for us. We will think about the different food groups before calculating the body mass index of some well-known celebrities

RE

We will consider places that are sacred to us and others. We will think about the people who use sacred places, what happens in those places and how these compare to our own experiences of celebration and commitment. We will consider why certain times and places are sacred.



PE

We will continue learning a variety of skills in order to take part in physical activities effectively. We will develop different techniques allowing us to be accurate and play as a team.

Please see below for some useful websites to visit to keep your maths, science and literacy skills alive!

BBC bitesize - maths and literacy skills

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

Interactive games and activities - maths, literacy and science.

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/interactive/>

Maths games and activities

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

Maths and literacy games

<http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>