

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Due: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October



This ½ term you will be producing a project on William Shakespeare and one of the plays we are performing in the Shakespeare Festival to fit in with our topic. You will need to use research to complete your project as well as what you will learn at school.

Your instructions are split into 5 suggested sections - one for each week - however if you have your own ideas we would love for you to explore them as creatively as you wish.

You may use the computer to produce your project BUT YOU MAY NOT CUT AND PASTE INFORMATION FROM THE INTERNET. This project has got to be your own work. We will be able to tell if you have done this.

Your project is due in **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. Keep up with the activities each week or you will have a lot to do in the last week! You can bring your project in to school or email it to the Year 6 email address: [Year6@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:Year6@birchhillprimaryschool.co.uk)  
If you have not completed any home learning by this date you will be expected to spend some time during your lunch doing so.

We will hold an in-class exhibition of your home learning after the deadline, however if you wish to bring it in before you are welcome to.

Good Luck!  
Miss Hodge & Miss Stark

## Week 1: Introduction

Ideas to include:-

- Who he is?
- When in history he was alive?
- What he has done that makes him famous?
- Why is he special?
- What impact has he had on the world?
- Pictures, family trees, etc to add interest



## Week 2: William Shakespeare's Life

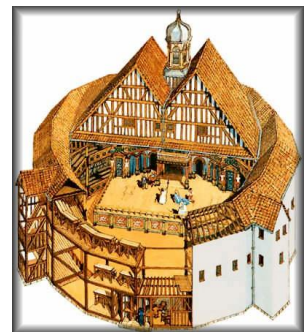
Ideas to include:-

- When and where was he born?
- Who were his parents? What did they do?
- Did he have any brothers and sisters?
- What was his childhood like? (Include information on Elizabethan Britain from a child's point of view)
- How did he get into acting/writing?
- Family Tree, Photographs/Pictures
- When did he get married? Did he have children?
- When did he write his plays? What interesting facts can you find out about his writing?
- What plays did he write?
- Interesting events in his life
- Timeline

## Week 3: Elizabethan Theatre

Ideas to include:

- What was William Shakespeare's Theatre? Where was it?
- Research how it was made
- Where did the audience sit? Prices? Who went to the theatre? How did the audience participate?
- What was the staging like? Did they use lights or special effects?



## **Week 4: Shakespeare's Plays**

This chapter should be about the play that you are in for the Shakespeare Festival: The Tempest

Ideas to include:

- Synopsis
- A brief description of the main characters
- Choose some lines that Shakespeare wrote and explain what they mean in modern language and why the language Shakespeare used is so effective.

## **Week 5: Editing and putting your project together**

Things to do:-

- Re-read make sure the punctuation, paragraphing, vocabulary is correct.
- Pages numbered and relate to the contents page
- All pictures have captions
- Put the project together and hand it in.

You may want to include:

- Front cover, showing the title and author
- Contents page
- Numbered pages
- Glossary
- Back cover with a blurb

Useful Websites

### **Shakespeare's Biography**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william\\_shakespeare/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william_shakespeare/)

<http://www.nosweatshakespeare.com/resources/shakespeare-facts/>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/william\\_shakespeare](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/people/william_shakespeare)

### **Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/about-us/history-of-the-globe>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/shakespeare-and-the-globe-theatre/3342.html>

<http://www.playshakespeare.com/study/elizabethan-theatres>

### **Shakespeare's Plays**

**Romeo & Juliet** <https://www.rsc.org.uk/romeo-and-juliet/education>

**Twelfth Night** <https://www.rsc.org.uk/twelfth-night/education>