



## Shakespeare week

**14-20 March 2016**

Join us in the celebrations!!

Shakespeare Week is a national annual celebration giving primary school children a great first encounter with Shakespeare. As 2016 marks the 400 anniversary of Shakespeare's death we felt that it could not go unnoticed.

This year we have decided not to mark World Book Day as in previous years but instead dedicate some of our curriculum time to exploring the life and works of William Shakespeare. We will still be giving children their £1 book token on World Book Day (3<sup>rd</sup> March) to spend in selected stores and there are plenty of resources available online if you would like to explore for yourselves. Visit <http://www.worldbookday.com> for more information, activities, games and book suggestions!

We recognise that this term and particularly the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> is incredibly busy with parents evenings but would ask for your support in a 'Dress up for Shakespeare' day on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> March. In order to make this as easy as possible for you, we are asking that your child come dressed in any of the following ways: **Shakespeare himself, someone of the Tudor period, a Shakespeare character from one of his many plays (e.g fairy/pixie –*Midsummer Night's Dream*) or bring in a prop to characterise one of these elements.**



(Boys: **white football socks with trousers tucked in, white shirt, waistcoat, hat** and Girls: **long dresses, fairy wings**)



Alternatively children can have fun making a ruff collar out of paper or ribbon! If you are feeling crafty you can follow this video! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zr\\_RNUR5PH8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zr_RNUR5PH8)

We look forward to this week being full of fun and intrigue as the children gain a greater understanding of who Shakespeare was and why his legacy in our culture is so important to be remembered. We hope you will support us in this week of

celebration.

There are books available in the School Library about Shakespeare including a few examples of his plays in child friendly language. Feel free to come and have a look for yourself so you can continue the learning at home!

Here are a few extra online resources which may be of interest:

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william\\_shakespeare/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory/famouspeople/william_shakespeare/)  
<http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/william-shakespeare>  
[http://www.ducksters.com/biography/authors/william\\_shakespeare.php](http://www.ducksters.com/biography/authors/william_shakespeare.php)  
<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/playground/exploring-shakespeare>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65Cy4-rfd24> – Horrible Histories William Shakespeare

Thankyou, Mrs Blois