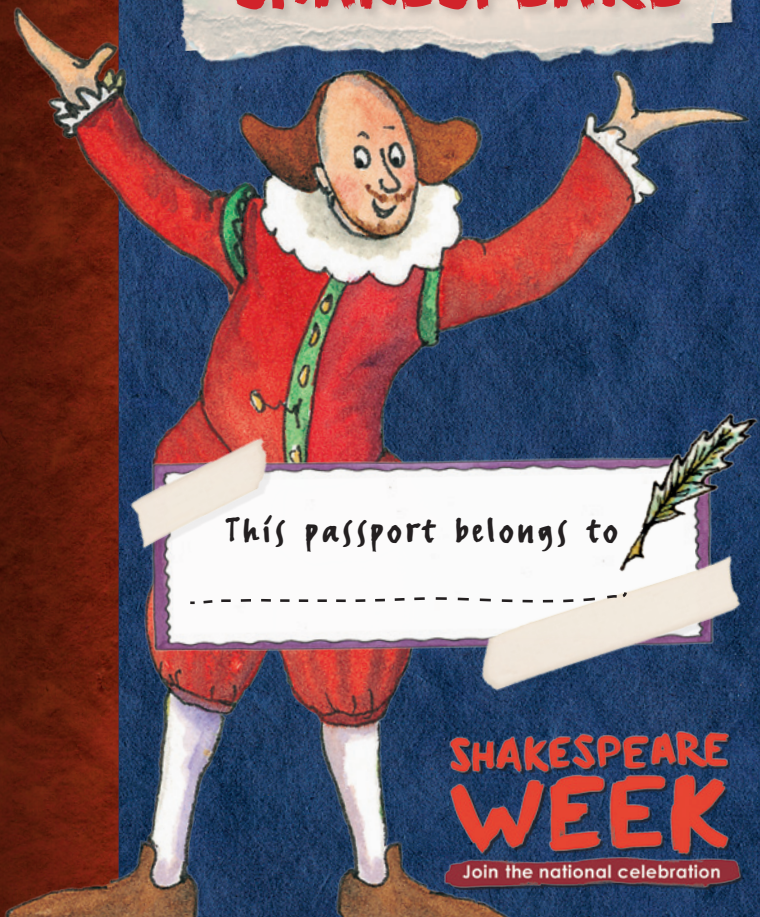
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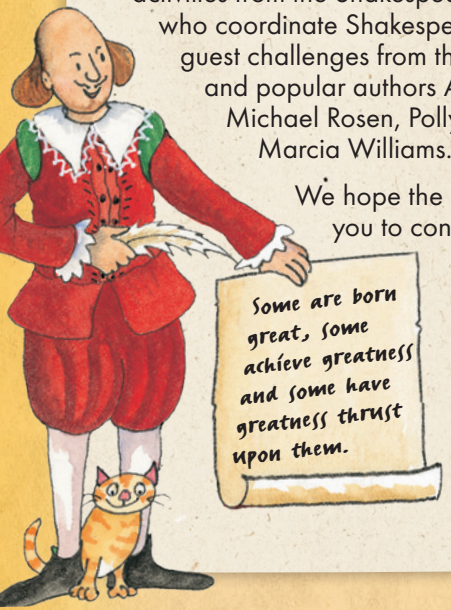
Good morrow to thee!

Welcome to your Passport to Shakespeare 2016. This year is the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and millions of people across the world are celebrating his creative and cultural legacy. Thousands of primary school children are taking part in Shakespeare Week, discovering that Shakespeare is still as relevant and inspiring today as he was 400 years ago.

The Passport to Shakespeare 2016 features activities from the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust, who coordinate Shakespeare Week, and guest challenges from the BBC, *First News* and popular authors Anthony Horowitz, Michael Rosen, Polly Faber and Marcia Williams.

We hope the passport inspires you to continue your journey with Shakespeare.

Good fortune, friends!



All about Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was an ordinary boy from Stratford-upon-Avon who grew up to do extraordinary things. It's amazing to think that the world's most famous writer came from a small town in Elizabethan England.

Name: William Shakespeare

Year of Birth: 1564

Place of Birth: Stratford-upon-Avon

Likes: Acting and writing



All about me

Who knows what you'll be when you grow up! Complete your passport details below.

Name:

Year of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Likes:

Do you have anything in common with Shakespeare?

William Shakespeare made his mark on the world through his writing. How do you hope to make your mark on the world?

Draw a picture of yourself here!

All's Well That Ends Well ... or is it?

Many of Shakespeare's plays were performed at the Globe Theatre in London. Flags were flown to advertise the performances, and the colour of the flag probably showed the type of play being performed.

Read the play descriptions. Which plays are they describing? Decide whether they refer to a comedy, tragedy or history. Colour the flag the correct colour.

- **Comedy:** A funny play with a happy ending
- **Tragedy:** A play full of sadness with an unhappy ending
- **History:** Featuring kings, battles and historical events



Henry gives a speech to his soldiers before leading them into battle against the French at Agincourt.

Play:_____



A spell is cast on a sleeping Titania so that she falls in love with the first thing she sees when she wakes: Bottom, a man with a donkey's head!

Play:_____



Romeo believes Juliet is dead and kills himself. Juliet awakes, finds her husband dead, and stabs herself.

Play:_____



Guest challenge! Michael Rosen



Michael Rosen is one of the best-known figures in the children's book world. His books include *We're Going On A Bear Hunt*, *Michael Rosen's Sad Book* and *What's So Special About Shakespeare?*

Talking Shakespeare

Have you ever said that someone wouldn't budge an inch? Perhaps you've heard people say he's his own flesh and blood, it set your teeth on edge, that the game is up and that the truth will out. If you've used or heard any of these expressions then that was Shakespeare talking. Some words we use every day first appeared in his writing, and were perhaps invented by him – words like leapfrog and gloomy.

All of the words below appeared for the first time in one of Shakespeare's plays. Can you find them in the word search?

- Lonely
- Excellent
- Bedroom
- Zany
- Amazement
- Hint

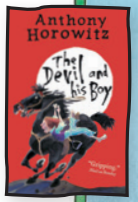
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Fun Fact: Everyone loves Justin Bieber's swag! Did you know that the word swagger was first used by Shakespeare?



Guest challenge!
Anthony Horowitz



Anthony Horowitz is the bestselling author of the Alex Rider, Power of Five and Diamond Brothers series. His other books include the latest James Bond novel, *Trigger Mortis*, and *The Devil and His Boy*, about a young actor in Shakespearian London who is caught up in a plot to kill Queen Elizabeth I. He loves Shakespeare – and he loves spies.

The walls have ears

I would have loved to have lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Shakespeare, the world's greatest playwright, was alive and working on the south bank of the River Thames. How I wish I could have been at the first night of *Hamlet* or *Macbeth*. If only I could have got his autograph... just think what it would be worth now!

But it was a noisy, dirty, dangerous, time. London was surrounded by forests that were full of highwaymen – so even getting there was an achievement. And once you arrived, there were thieves and tricksters everywhere. They'd take your luggage and your life. London was full of spies, too. Shakespeare's friend Christopher Marlowe, who was also a playwright, worked as a spy to earn extra money. He was murdered when he was just 29 – possibly by one of his fellow spies...



Be inspired by William Shakespeare and Anthony Horowitz and write your own spy story.

In Hamlet, almost all of the characters spy on each other at some point. Can you match the character to their spy mission? Don't worry if you don't know the plot of Hamlet. Put your spy skills to the test and see if you can use the clues within the text to work out the answers – or look on the internet!

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDERNSTERN



Spies on Claudius when he's praying and considers killing him.

HAMLET



Hides behind a tapestry to spy on Gertrude and Hamlet. Hamlet stabs him to death when he realises he's there.

CLAUDIUS



Hamlet's friends, who Claudius sends to spy on Hamlet. When Hamlet finds out what they are doing, he has them killed.

POLONIUS



Hides with Polonius to spy on Hamlet and Ophelia.

CBBC is going... Totally Shakespeare!

Join in the fun as Hacker T. Dog and his CBBC friends explore the amazing world of William Shakespeare. It's a world of Kings, Queens, witches, ghosts and fairies and full of the Shakespearian words and phrases we all use every day.

With help from *Horrible Histories* the CBBC gang have just one aim: to become EPIC @ Shakespeare – but they need YOUR help! Just go to the CBBC website **www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc** and search for Shakespeare. What are you waiting for?











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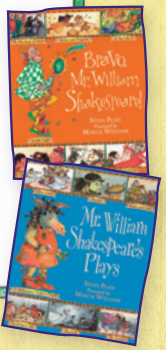
HORRIBLE HISTORIES



Guest challenge!
Marcia Williams

Marcia Williams writes and illustrates brilliant books for children, including comic-strip retellings of Shakespeare's plays (*Mr. William Shakespeare's Plays* and *Bravo, Mr. William Shakespeare*) and Shakespeare sticker activity books! She also drew all the pictures in the passport you're holding.







Who was Mr William Shakespeare?

By now you're probably an expert on Shakespeare's plays – but how much do you know about the man himself? Put your research skills to the test by discovering the answers to the questions below.

1. William Shakespeare was born in 1564. But where?
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2. Shakespeare got married when he was only 18. What was his wife's name?
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3. Shakespeare was an actor as well as a playwright. What was his first acting troupe called?
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4. In 1623 Shakespeare's plays were published together for the first time. What is this first edition called?
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☆ Now rearrange the letters in the red boxes to name Shakespeare's final home, which was described in his will as "The house wherein I dwell".
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Guest challenge!
Polly Faber

Polly Faber is the author of *Mango & Bambang: the Not-a-Pig* and *Mango & Bambang: Tapir All At Sea*, illustrated by Clara Vulliamy. She likes bonfires, the colour yellow and animals – particularly unusual ones.



Mistaken identity



In *The Not-a-Pig*, Bambang is a frightened tapir who hides on a zebra crossing until Mango rescues him. Most people confuse him with a pig. There are no tapirs in Shakespeare but there are lots of characters like Bambang, who need to adopt a disguise, or who are mistaken for someone or something else.

Here's a picture of Viola from Twelfth Night. She's just been washed up in a storm. Draw Viola disguised as a boy so she can get a job as Duke Orsino's page boy.





Fun Fact: The Elizabethans were very superstitious. Little boys were disguised as girls to try to stop the fairies taking them away. It was believed that girls weren't as important as boys, so by putting them in a dress you were protecting them!

Guest challenge!
FirstNews

The ONLY weekly newspaper for young people

Read All About It!



Try your hand at writing a Shakespeare-themed news report for children's newspaper *First News*!

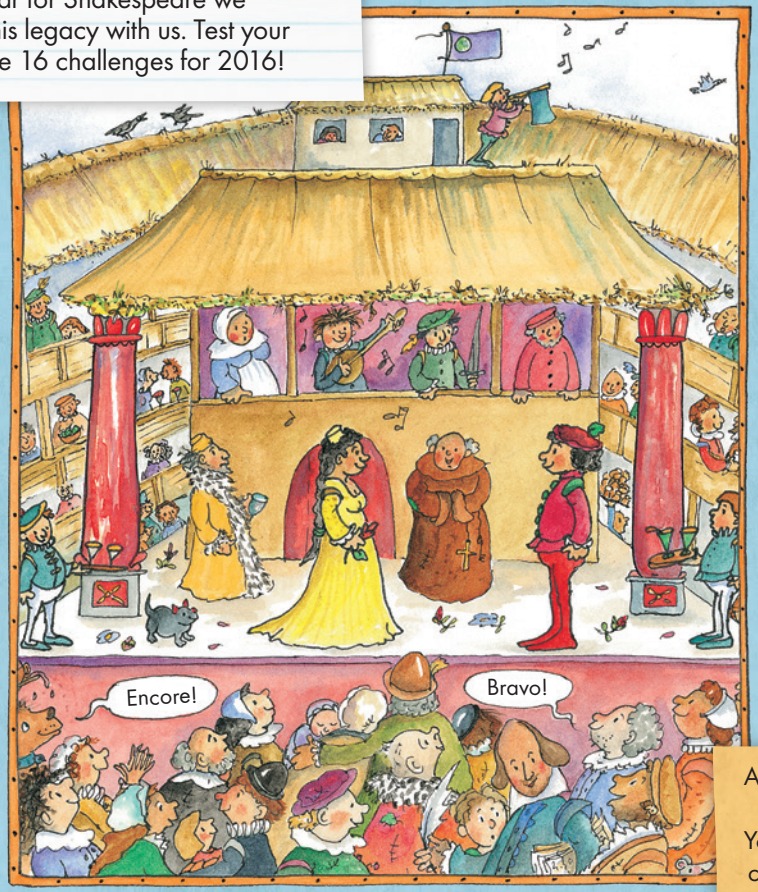
You could review a Shakespeare play or film you've seen, write about a project you've done at school or report on some interesting information you've found out (there might even be a Shakespeare connection to the place you live or somewhere you've visited). Your report should have a snappy headline and be no more than 250 words in length. The best reports will be published in an edition of *First News*! Email your report, along with a picture, to: yournews@firstnews.co.uk.

Why not check out *First News* (in newsagents every Friday) to get an idea of how newspaper reports are written? Don't forget, you can get **In Focus: William Shakespeare**, written by *First News* especially for children 7-14, for a special price of £3 when you quote the code **SHWK16**. Order online at **firstnews.co.uk/kiosk**

Have you got Will Power?

As 2016 is a very special year for Shakespeare we would like you to celebrate his legacy with us. Test your Will Power by taking on these 16 challenges for 2016!

- ☆ Watch a Shakespeare play on film or at the theatre
- ☆ Create your own Shakespearian insults
- ☆ Design a Shakespeare souvenir
- ☆ Make a Shakespeare-inspired puppet
- ☆ Perform a few lines of Shakespeare
- ☆ Write with a quill
- ☆ Make a hornbook
- ☆ Learn to dance Tudor style



- ☆ Design a theatre set using a box and your imagination!
- ☆ Make Tudor food like pottage or bread
- ☆ Write your own play or poem



- ☆ Watch the tour of Shakespeare's Birthplace
- ☆ Learn the names of as many Shakespeare plays as you can
- ☆ Draw your own portrait of Shakespeare
- ☆ Design a costume for a Shakespearian character
- ☆ Learn a Tudor song



Ask a grown-up to register your family at **www.shakespeareweek.org.uk**. You will find extra help for some of these challenges under the Resources section.



We hope you have enjoyed learning about Shakespeare through the activities in this passport. Now, why not take your favourite grown-up to visit the home where he grew up? You can share with them everything you have discovered.

Visit Shakespeare's family homes, farm and gardens in Stratford-upon-Avon and discover the stories behind the world's greatest storyteller. Step back in time and meet our resident Tudors, join in with our theatre troupe performances and enjoy fun, creative family activities, festivals and exhibitions all through the year.

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