



## William Shakespeare

Do you remember when we learned about William Shakespeare in class and created a “fact-file” about him?

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, it was said to be his birthday (although no-one is really sure of the exact date) so we have put together some William Shakespeare work for you to do.

First, click and [watch this short film on YouTube](#) about Shakespeare's life. Make sure you are listening carefully 🎧 as we have got some questions for you to answer in your blue books about his life.

Now, here are some tasks for you to try.

### Task 1 – Design a birthday card for William Shakespeare

Think about what you know about William Shakespeare – what sort of card do you think he would like? Draw a design of things he would love. Have a go at writing a message to him in the style of his handwriting.

*William Shakespeare*

**Task 2 – SHAKESPEARE QUIZ. Answer these questions in your blue books – write the date and give your work the heading William Shakespeare's Life**

1. What was parchment paper made from?
2. What bird provided the feathers for a quill pen?
3. Who did William Shakespeare marry?
4. How old was he when he married?
5. What did he spend most of his time doing?
6. What is the special name for a short poem? It begins with s
7. What other job did he do as well as writing plays?
8. When plays were performed, why were the girls' parts played by boys?
9. What was the name of the theatre in London where Shakespeare's plays were performed?
10. What happened to some of the audience when it rained? Why?
11. What did the flag flying on the theatre mean?

12. Where did the rich people sit in the theatre?
13. Why did the theatre close?
14. Who was on the throne for the first part of Shakespeare's life?
15. What is a funny play called?

**You can check your answers on the next page but NO PEEKING!**

## ANSWERS to the Shakespeare Quiz:

1. What was parchment paper made from?  
Parchment was made from animal skin without the fur.
2. What bird provided the feathers for a quill pen?  
A goose provided the feathers for a quill pen.
3. Who did William Shakespeare marry?  
Shakespeare married Ann Hathaway.
4. How old was he when he married?  
Shakespeare was 18 years old when he got married.
5. What did he spend most of his time doing?  
Shakespeare spent most of his time writing.
6. What is the special name for a short poem? It begins with s  
A short poem is called a sonnet.
7. What other job did he do as well as writing plays?  
As well as writing plays, Shakespeare was an actor.
8. When plays were performed, why were the girls' parts played by boys?  
The girls' parts were played by boys because girls were not allowed to be actors.
9. What was the name of the theatre in London where Shakespeare's plays were performed?  
The name of the theatre in London is the Globe (it has been rebuilt so you can visit it today).
10. What happened to some of the audience when it rained? Why?  
When it rained, some of the audience got wet because there was no roof.
11. What did the flag flying on the theatre mean?  
When the flag was flying on the theatre, there was a play going on.
12. Where did the rich people sit in the theatre?  
The rich people sat in comfortable seats.

13. Why did the theatre close?

The theatre closed because a terrible plague (called the Black Death) spread throughout London.

14. Who was on the throne for the first part of Shakespeare's life?

Queen Elizabeth I was on the throne in the first part of Shakespeare's life.

15. What is a funny play called?

A funny play is called a comedy.