

## The Globe Theatre



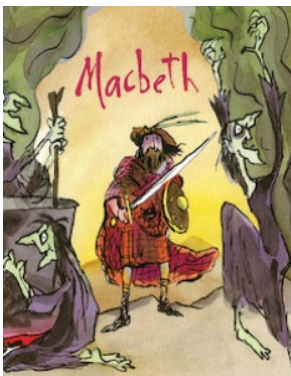
### Did you know?

Not a lot of people could read and write in Shakespeare's time, so the Globe Theatre hung different coloured flags to let people know when a play was going to be performed, and what kind of play it was going to be (if it was sad or funny).

Shakespeare wrote three different kinds of plays – comedies (funny plays), tragedies (sad plays) and histories (plays about a real person). A different colour flag would be flown from the top of the theatre so people would know which play was about to be performed – white meant a comedy would be performed, red a history, and black or dark colours meant a tragedy.

### Shakespeare Plays

#### Macbeth



#### Romeo and Juliet



## Year 6

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### Facts about the history of the theatre

The history of theatre can be traced back to 6th Century B.C. where the Ancient Greeks were the first to present dramatic presentations.

Greek theatres were built on hillsides in the open air and could often hold more than 18,000 spectators.

Before the 1500s, plays were usually performed by travelling actors.

William Shakespeare was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1564 in Stratford – upon- Avon and he died on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1616. He wrote 154 sonnets and around 40 plays.

World Theatre Day is held every year on March 27th to celebrate theatre, culture and the arts.

### West End Shows

#### Harry Potter



#### The Lion King



## Key Vocabulary

<b>actor</b>	a person who acts in a play
<b>plays</b>	performances in a theatrical production
<b>theatre</b>	a location where plays are performed
<b>audience</b>	a group who watches the play
<b>comedies</b>	funny plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream
<b>tragedies</b>	a play that ends badly for the hero or heroine.
<b>histories</b>	plays about a real person or event in time
<b>narrator</b>	a person who tells a story to an audience
<b>stage directions</b>	an instruction in a play indicating the movement, position and how the actors should act – included lighting and sound effects
<b>playwright</b>	someone who writes plays
<b>sonnets</b>	a poem of fourteen lines using a number of formal rhymes schemes and in English having ten syllables per line.

### Theatre and film facts

**The Walt Disney Company**, known as Disney, is one of the largest entertainment and media companies in the world. The studio is famous for family films and it was started in 1923.

Walt Disney was a pioneer in the field of **animated**, or cartoon, films. He became famous for creating such well-known characters as Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck.

**West End theatre** refers to stage productions in the **West End of London**. It is like **New York's Broadway**, where musicals and plays are shown at number of theatres. In 2022, 16, 420, 068 people went to watch shows and plays in the West end – these included Lion King, Wicked, Cinderella and Harry Potter and the Cursed child.