Dear Parent / Guardian

Next term, Year 4, 5, and 6 will be studying stories by William Shakespeare. The outcome of this work will be to write a modern innovation of one of the stories and hopefully develop a love of his wonderful stories. Also throughout the unit, we will be comparing Shakespeare’s stories with Ancient Greek myths or Egyptian stories to help make links between our English units and our topic work on ‘A place in the sun’.

On Monday 5th March, we would like children in Y4-6 to dress up like a Shakespearean character. I know as a parent it sounds like a big challenge to find a costume but hopefully this list below might help you find an idea that is easy to do:

* A king or a queen (from several plays)
* Cleopatra (Antony and Cleopatra)
* Jester / fool (Twelfth Night)
* Fairies (Midsummer Night’s Dream)
* Friar – monk costume (Romeo and Juliet) – don’t forget the bottle of potion!
* Julius Caesar – Roman emperor (Julius Caesar)
* Maid / nanny (Romeo and Juliet)
* A princess like Rosalind (As you like it!)
* Witches (Macbeth)

I wanted to send a letter now so you have plenty of time to look for a costume. If we get all the children dressing up, I know our Shakespeare appreciation day will be a lot of fun which will also lead to some wonderful work.

As always, please do not hesistate to ask if you would like any help with this, or anything else for that matter. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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