The Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre was a theatre in London associated with William Shakespeare. It was built in 1599 by Shakespeare's playing company, the Lord Chamberlain's Men. It was unfortunately destroyed by fire on 29 June 1613. A second Globe Theatre was built on the same site by June 1614 and but was then closed again in 1642.

A modern reconstruction of the Globe, named "Shakespeare's Globe", opened in 1997 approximately 750 feet (230 m) from the site of the original theatre. The modern reconstruction offers visitors the chance to look around this famous playhouse, take part in workshops and even watch a range of plays.

Activity 1 – A tour of the theatre
As we can’t get to Shakespeare’s Globe Theatre, we’re bringing the theatre to you. Simply visit https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/discover/about-us/virtual-tour/#virtual-tour Here, you will be able to take part in a virtual tour of the theatre and get a feel of what it must have been like to have been an audience member in this famous playhouse. Alternatively, on the same page there is a link to an app which contains the tour and a few more special features. (Ask an adult for permission to download to a device first).

As you take part in the tour, ask yourself these questions:
Where did the audience go … and did they sit or stand?
Where did the richer audience members go?
Where did the poorer audience members go?
What would happen if it rained?
How did the theatre burn down in 1613?

Activity 2 – 60 Second Shakespeare
For this task, we are asking you to choose one of Shakespeare’s plays to become familiar with and retell in less than 60 seconds. You could use one of the links below to watch a children’s version of the play or, if you have a children’s Shakespeare book (such as ‘Shakespeare’s Stories’ by Andrew Matthews and Tony Ross) at home, you could read that instead.
As you watch the film, take brief notes about what happened. Remember that you’ll only need the really important parts as you’ll only have 60 seconds to retell the whole play.

After watching the play, use your notes to practice retelling the play in less than 60 seconds. When you’re happy you’ve got it, record yourself on a video. If you want to use props to help you tell the story, please do! If your parent or carer is happy to, ask them to upload the video to our facebook page, send via class dojo or e mail in to the school office for the attention of Mrs Fewtrell and Mr Breen.

Have fun!

Mrs Fewtrell and Mr Breen

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