



# John Donne Primary School

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14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers and Governors,

John Donne Primary School has been confirmed as one of seven Southwark schools participating in *All the School's a Stage*, a joint project delivered by Southwark Teaching School Alliance and Shakespeare's Globe and funded by Paul Hamlyn Foundation. The school will be engaged with the project over the next two years, with the first stage of the project involving storytelling work with children in years 1 and 3.

During this part of the project, your child will be taught two modules, each based on a Shakespeare play with a focus on literacy and oracy skills, to develop their responses to and understanding of stories and their ability to share that knowledge. They will also develop core speaking, listening, communication, language, drama and expressive arts skills through active participation, play and performance within a workshop environment. The plays your child will be taught over these two modules are *The Winter's Tale* and *The Tempest*.

Next half term, all year 1 pupils will have the opportunity to watch an interactive storytelling of *The Winter's Tale*, after which they'll take part in class workshops co-delivered by their teacher and a Globe Education Practitioner over five weeks during the next half-term. The second module on *The Tempest* will be delivered independently by their teacher the half term-after that (February-April 2019).

In addition to this in-class work, we'd be delighted if you would join us for a supportive storytelling workshop at the school open to all year 1 and year 3 parents and carers on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the bottom hall**, which will introduce the project and the story of *The Winter's Tale*. This session will be led by practitioners from Shakespeare's Globe and will also demonstrate activities that can be used at home to take the project beyond the classroom. Please be reassured this is not a drama workshop and is designed specifically for parents/guardians.

I look forward to seeing you on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January** to enjoy the **storytelling workshop**.

Kind regards,

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