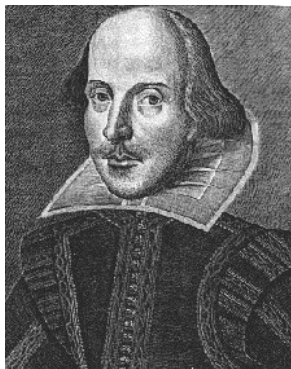
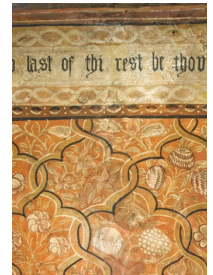


Shakespeare's Birthday

William Shakespeare (1564—1616) was one of the greatest writers of play and poems.

The **Painted Room** in Oxford is all that remains of the Crown Tavern where Shakespeare is said to have stayed on several occasions.



Each year on **23 April** OPT hold events in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday. Following a parade from the Town Hall to the Painted Room, a drink is raised to Shakespeare. This tradition was revived in 2013.

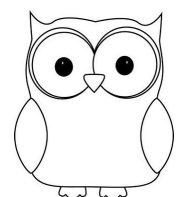
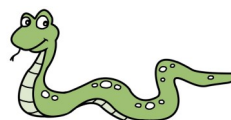
Shakespeare wrote many plays. A famous one is called Macbeth. In this play a group of witches make a spell around a cauldron.

Here is part of the spell from Act VI Scene I:

**Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.**

Fillet of a fenny snake,
In the cauldron boil and bake;
Eye of newt and toe of frog,
Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
Adder's fork and blind-worm's sting,
Lizard's leg and owlet's wing,
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Let a hell-broth boil and bubble.

**Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.**



Have a go at writing your own cauldron spell:

1. Think about what the spell will be for.
2. Think about what you might put in it.
3. Use the sentence starters below to help create your own spell.

Extra challenge: Can you add some interesting adjectives to describe your animals or the amounts of ingredients; for example: a gigantic dinosaur tooth, or a tiny droplet of dragon blood.

What is your spell going to do?

Illustrate your cauldron spell too.

Spell to:

Take a
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Stir in
.....

Blend in
.....

Sprinkle on
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Finally add in

Serve to

