Year 6 Autumn 2
Macbeth

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

Our next topic - "Macbeth" - focuses on the famous play by William Shakespeare. Your child will find out more about our greatest playwright and study the story and language of the play in great depth. We aim for this topic to form a valuable introduction to Shakespeare in anticipation of the work your child will cover in secondary school.

Our English work will focus on retelling parts of the story from different perspectives and viewpoints of the characters. In their Computing work, your child will develop their knowledge of programming languages, this term being introduced to Python: this is one of the most complex languages taught at Primary school level! In PSHE, your child will receive relevant sex education discussions for Year 6. You will receive a letter about this prior to the lessons. They will also begin to learn more about differences in society through discussions of different kinds of family and by challenging gender stereotypes. Our Science work will be centred on changes of state (Solids, Liquids, Gases) and on how materials dissolve, burn, evaporate, condense, freeze and melt; all of which will be covered through an intriguing 'Witches' Cauldron' puzzle.

"Is this a great topic we see before us?!"

Ways in which to help at home

- Make sure your child is reading as much as possible.
- Spellings are a priority! Please learn each week's spellings and continue to review past spellings.
- There are many good children's versions of Macbeth to read with your child, including retellings by Marcia Williams and Leon Garfield.
- Ensure your child has learned all tables by Christmas (rapid recall!).

Trips/Visitors

There will be no trip this term.

There is a performance from the Young Shakespeare Company on November 15th in the afternoon in school. A contribution of £10 has been requested towards the cost of this. A letter about this has been sent out about this.