

## Activity 1 - Start getting used to the slang...

(Optional: make it a game: join a team and try to guess the meaning, then do the research in class and find who the winning team is!)

In the left column you can see a collection of phrases and sayings found in Shakespeare's writings and still in use today. Do some research and find out and write each meaning in the right column.

IN STITCHES

-> laughing uncontrollably.

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE

-> in an instant, very quickly

LIE LOW

-> hiding or not drawing attention to yourself.

LOVE IS BLIND

-> that people don't see the faults of the people that they love.

MAKE YOUR HAND STAND ON END

-> to be extremely frightened or horrified.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

-> Trouble over something with little importance.

NIGHT OWL

-> A person who stays up at night.

SEND SOMEONE PACKING

-> TO dismiss someone abruptly.

THE GAME IS UP

-> The end of a plan, deception.

UP IN ARMS

-> Angry and complaining about something.

VANISH INTO THIN AIR

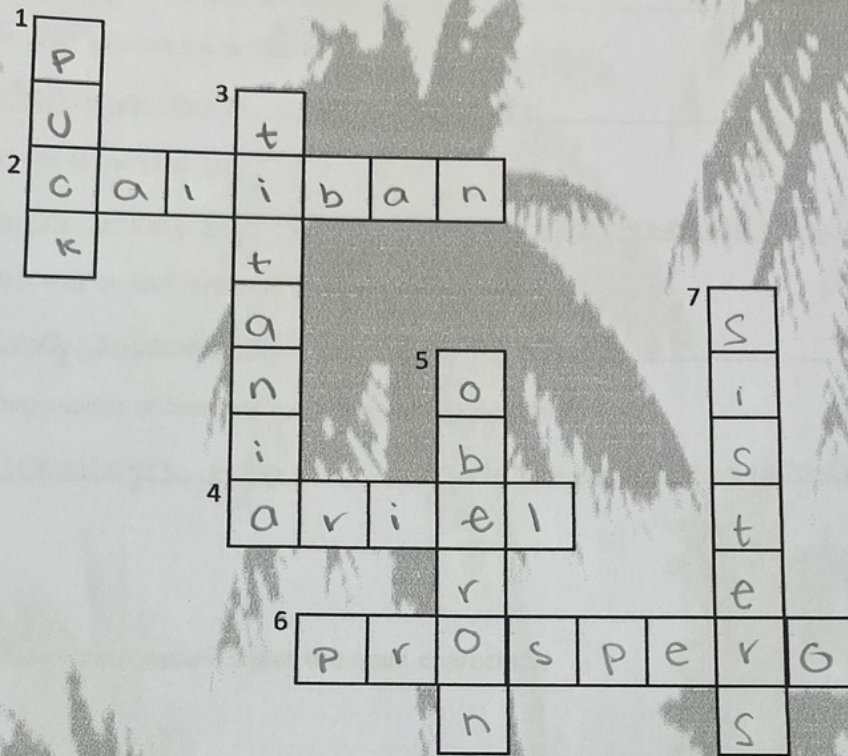
-> To disappear completely and mysteriously.

WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

-> TO openly and freely express your emotions.

## Activity 2 – Shakespearean Magical Characters.

Do some research and solve this crossword



- 1- a clever, mischievous jester to the King of fairies (AMND)
- 2- A half human, son of a witch, who inhabited an island before humans arrived on it due to a shipwreck. (TT)
- 3- the Queen of fairies (AMND)
- 4- spirit bound to serve a magician who rescued him from the tree in which he was imprisoned by a witch (TT)
- 5- the King of fairies (AMND)
- 6- A duke who has learned sorcery from books, and uses it while on an island to protect his daughter and control the other characters (TT)
- 7- (the weird\_\_\_\_\_) are three prophets who hail a the general, and predict his ascent to kingship (M)

### ACTIVITY 3

Do some research and answer these questions prior to the play

1. Who wrote The Tempest?

William Shakespeare

2. In what year was it written?

Around 1610 and 1611

3. Where is the play set?

In a magic island possibly in the Mediterranean sea.

4. Who was on the throne of England at the time?

King James I of England

5. What modes of transport did they use at the time?

Carriages, horse, walking, ships for long trips.

**Now, find** basic information about the main characters:

6. Where is Prospero originally from?

Milan, Italy

7. Who is Prospero's brother?

Antonio

8. Who is Prospero's daughter?

Miranda