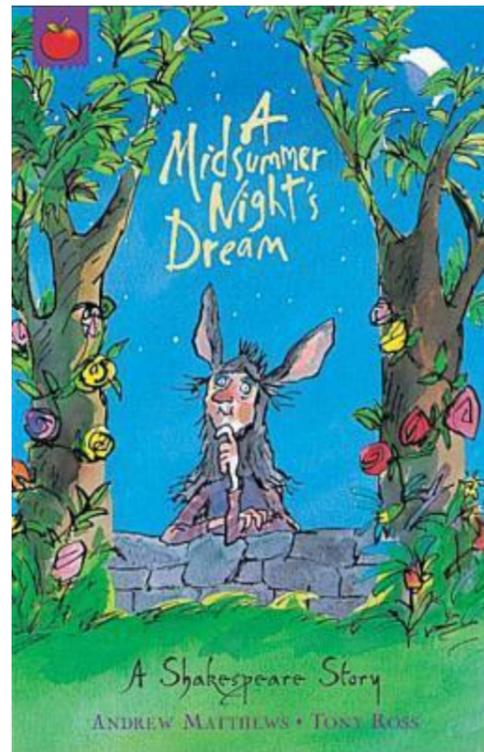




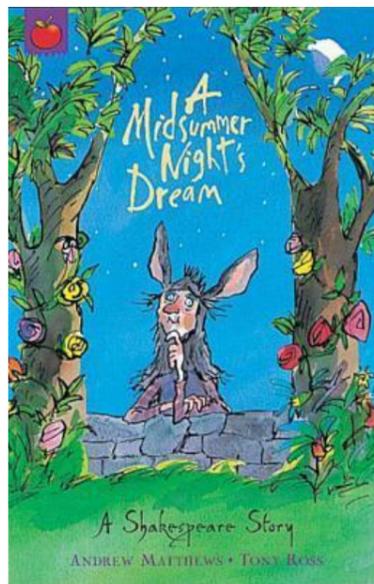
# A Midsummer Night's Dream

By William Shakespeare  
Abridged version by Andrew Matthews

*Year 3*



Geographical Focus	
Location where play is set	<p>Athens in Greece</p>



PSHE	
Love	Love comes in different forms: friendship, family, marriage and unrequited love.
Marriage	A legal commitment between two people to stay with each other for their life time.
Unrequited Love	To love someone who doesn't love you back.
Jealousy	A feeling of unhappiness and anger because someone has something or someone that you want.
Power	Someone or something who has control over others.

Historical Focus		
The Ancient Greeks lived over 3, 500 years ago.		
States	Ancient Greece was split into lots of different states.	
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Influence of Ancient Greece today	The influences in our lives today are Greek myths, democracy, tragedy, comedy, and theatre.	
Democracy	The word democracy means "ruled by the people."	
Monarchy	<p>A country that is ruled by one person (usually a King or a Queen).</p> <p>During the time of the Ancient Greeks, Greece was ruled by the monarchy (the royal family).</p>	
Royal Family Members	<p>The Queen and the King had the highest positions of power and made the final decisions on how the country was run.</p> <p>The Prince and Princess were the sons and daughters of the King and Queen.</p>	

Authorial Focus	
Shakespeare's Life	
Author	<p>William Shakespeare</p>
Date of birth	Born in 1564 (450 years ago)
Place of Birth	Stratford-upon-Avon
Early life	William grew up in Stratford-upon-Avon, and moved to London when he became a successful writer.
Education	Unlike many children at the time, Shakespeare went to school where he was taught the alphabet and Latin.
Published	Hamlet, Macbeth, A Midsummers Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet, Othello, The Taming of the Shrew.

How the Shakespeare plays were performed	
Where they were performed	<p>At the Globe Theatre</p> <p>Upper tier</p> <p>Middle tier</p> <p>The pit</p> <p>Only male actors</p>
Performances	Plays had to be performed in the day as there was no electricity and candles were too dangerous to light as the stage was wooden.
Costs	It cost the poor people one penny to watch a play, but they would have to stand in the pit just in front of the stage which was often noisy and smelly.
	For a seat in the middle, the people who could afford it would pay two pence.
	The rich people would pay three pence for a seat at the top and they would get to sit on cushions and eat a meal with meat.
Actors	The actors in Shakespearean time would all be men or boys who played the female characters too. Only men were allowed to act.



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Features	
Hook	The confusion created by the love potion.
Closure	The confused situation is resolved and everyone gets happily married.
Setting	Ancient Athens and the magic woods.
Problem/Dilemma	Unrequited love and confusion between lovers caused by the love potion.
Characters	Titania, Oberon, Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius, Helena, Puck, Bottom
Other	Play within a play
Story Type	
Genre	Fantasy, Comedy and Romance
Theme	Love, magic, power, jealousy, friendship
Plot Type	Tragic comedy
Narrative	
Narrative Viewpoint	Third person as an omniscient narrator
Narrative Conflict	Man versus magic
Viewpoint of the author	The balance between the power of love and the power of magic. The power of love will always win.
Mood	Comedic
Tone	Mischievous and humorous
Language and Structure	
Structure and Grammar	The play is split into three parts, each page is illustrated with drawings to help us understand the action that is taking place. The play has been paraphrased into chapters from the original play.
Types of Sentences	A combination of simple, compound and complex sentences. Dialogue is used throughout.
Punctuation	Exclamation marks, inverted commas, question marks, commas, full stops.

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Quiz	
Who wrote A Midsummer Night's Dream?	William Shakespeare
Who are the main characters?	Titania, Oberon, Hermia, Lysander, Demetrius, Helena,
What genre is the play?	Fantasy, comedy, romance
What plot type is the play?	Tragic comedy
What are the main themes of the play?	Love, magic, power, jealousy, honour, friendship
What is the narrative viewpoint?	Third person, omniscient narrator
What is the tone of the play?	Mischievous and humorous
What are the main settings in the play?	Ancient Athens and the magic woods
What types of sentences are used?	Simple, compound and complex sentences with dialogue.
What is the tone of the play?	Mischievous and humorous.
What is the narrative conflict?	Man versus magic