

# *450 YEARS OF HERITAGE & HISTORY AT RIVINGTON FOUNDATION PRIMARY*

**Our School was first chartered during the reign of Elizabethan 1 and has celebrated 450 years in 2016.** To mark this historic achievement we want to create an Elizabethan heritage experience, culminating in an Elizabethan Festival held in summer 2017 where the children can demonstrate all their learning about the period, and their creativity to the wider community, including our parents, Governors, cluster schools, local High School & Church representatives.

The focus of the whole project will be working with artists and historians to investigate the past, focusing on the following areas:

- Buildings: Looking at Elizabethan building and linking to the history of Rivington Foundation Primary school and surrounding development of the village, creating an artistic representation of the school from its foundation to now
- Life: Investigating Life in Elizabethan period and comparing with today and learning skills associated with Elizabethan Life and re-creating activities

## **Activity**

As part of our heritage project we have commissioned a 20 week creative programme where children will learn about Elizabethan Heritage, develop research and investigative skills and be able to recreate historic recipes and activities and create craft objects which represent and celebrate the period.

The project concludes with an Elizabethan celebration day in July 2017 where the children will dress up in costumes, serve traditional food, display their new skills, including music, dancing, cooking, pottery and wool and needlework and display all the results of their research findings in various creative media – including DVDs, photographs, ceramics, floor books etc.

The project will include working with children of different age groups, and community volunteers, but will include the following:

- creative sessions involving pottery, craft making, food preparation, costume making and cooking

- minstrel music sessions
- music, mime and drama sessions
- Facilitating the Elizabethan festival alongside school and volunteers

### **Products and Creations**

- Historic timeline created in artistic medium
- Recreated Elizabethan festival
- Pots, needlework, woolwork etc.
- DVD of events and experiences/CD of music
- Photographs
- Floorbooks

### **Outcomes**

- Children, staff and volunteers will learn about the school's and Rivington's surrounding history from the school's foundation in 1566
- Children, staff and volunteers will learn about the Elizabethan/Tudor period and be able to reflect upon the similarities and differences with today
- Children will be able to explain the development and changes to Rivington within a creative timeline
- Children and the wider community will have great fun in recreating Elizabethan experiences and activities including cooking on a fire, dressing up, eating, drama, crafts etc.
- Children will learn new skills in terms of music and crafts