You have been selected to take a closer look at *Shakespeare’s play, Macbeth*. First however, you must familiarise yourself with the play by reading the story. Ask Mrs Barnes for a copy of this book to read.

Now you are ready to research further. Topics to think about when researching Macbeth are:

- When was the play written
- Research the historical significance associated with the play *Macbeth*
- Give a short summary of the plot of the story
- Examine the setting of the story. How does the setting contribute to the atmosphere of the story?
- Introduce the main characters in the story and tell us something about them.
- Discuss one theme (underlying message or ‘big idea’) that is present in Macbeth.

**Concluding Question** (Think about this question and use the knowledge gained from your research to compose an answer)

Why do you think Macbeth listened to the witches? Give reasons for your answer.