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A retelling of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

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For hundreds of years 'The Tempest' has cast a spell over audiences, and its strange and beguiling story has inspired countless artists and writers down the ages, Aldous Huxley, Iris Murdoch and John Fowles among them. Scholars tend to agree that *The Tempest* was written sometime between 1610 and 1611, and the general consensus is that it was Shakespeare's last play. Prospero's final speech has been interpreted as the playwright's own valedictory, his farewell to the stage after almost thirty years of theatrical life.

If we accept that Shakespeare wrote *The Tempest* at the end of his career, before leaving London to live in Stratford, then it comes as no surprise that the theme of transition is prominent in the plot. It is a play about metamorphosis, and most of the characters experience a sea change during the story. Because of this transitional element, the play seemed ripe for adaptation and performance by the pupils in Blocks 1 and 2, with help from the spritely Group 3. For every child these years are times of great changes, changes which are often hard to fathom; in growing up there are lessons to be learned, some enjoyable, some painful. And as in *The Tempest*, the wider world beckons and new lives are ready to be embarked upon.

THE ISLE:

Prospero, the rightful Duke of Milan	Robbie Ward
Miranda, his daughter	Emma Duncan
Brunella, her nurse	Chloe Ford Wellman
Ariel, an airy spirit	Jack Vorhees
Caliban	Rory Abell

a savage and deformed slave

THE SHIPWRECKED ROYAL COURT

Alonso, King of Naples	Jack Driscoll
Isabelin, his wife	Robyn Whittaker
Ferdinand, their son	Milo van den Bogaerde
Sebastian, Alonso's brother	Cameron Cross
Lady Sebastiana, his wife	Erin Jones
Antonia, Prospero's sister	Izzy Soper
<i>The usurping Duchess of Milan</i>	
Gonzalo, an honest old councillor	Christopher Bury
Bernardo, a lord	Ihsan Flack
Adrian, a lord	Sam Heaton
Lady Donatella	Emily Olyphert
Nesta, her servant	Persie Wood
Francisco, a poet	Michael Paterson
Captain Salvadore	Hector Clark
Dr Pestatore	Guy Whisby
Berto, a bodyguard	Max Price
Cardo, a bodyguard	Alex Reinish
Soldiers	Milo Howes,
Charlie Jameson, George Robson, Theo Walsh,	
Orlando Goffin, Henry Morony, Rory Browne,	
Lachlan Dix,	

SPIRITS IN THE SERVICE OF PROSPERO:

Iris	Kath Walsh
Selene	Eve Allin
Ceres	Josie Parker
Juno	Ansha Rathatha
Io	Emma Young
O-Herg	Chloe Jacobs
Abnoba	Clemmie Curry
Maeve	Emily Swettenham
Niobe	Habe Bartlett
Moonstar	Bridget Norman
Callope	Min Yu
Sycoram	Georgia Butz

Mother of Caliban

HER WITCHES:

Wolfbane	Margot Bourne
Foxglove	Hannah Kellogg
Stingweed	Rose Gee Turner
Crowfoot	Fru Priestly
Nettle	Hannah Lester
Witches	Alia Mehta,
Bertie Warren, Anna Baring, Emily Jung,	
Alice Scullion, Lulu McConville, Breanne	
Haley, Ellie Rodbart, Jenny Penfold,	
Rose Vorhees	

THE SHIPWRECKED TROUBADOURS

Stephano, a butler	Katy Scott
Matteo an under-butler	Naveed Khalessi
Ferry, a page	Rupert Cookson
Beppe	Max Hannam
Bombastini	Ashley Viljoen
Trinculo	Hannah Rogerson
Dario	Marlene Calderwood
Marcella	Delilah Montagu
Players & Dancers	Antonia Richards,
Sammy Marshall, Josh Mazas, Charlotte Agace,	
Daisy Hannam, Anastasia Sheldon, Ellie Wright,	
Immie Gibbon, Tara Noble, Jess Chilton,	
Polly Caines, Kit Mosely, Eloise Anderson,	
Celia Fraser, Jemima Goodfellow, Tilly Excell,	
Amber Wilmot, Izzy Massk	

SPRITES, DENIZENS OF THE DEEP

Minna Whitby, Rachel Forsyth, Pippa Lock, George Ford, Willow Bidwell, Finn Wheeler, Cressie Priestly, Amelia Pike, Rosie Geaves, Chill Chilton, Izzy Dunn, Tilly Green, Ollie Brewer, Tonia Compton, Esme Creed-Miles, Cecily Urnes, Gabriel Ramswell, India Gardiner, Henry Soper, Molly Graham, Scarlet Topley, Anais Gallagher, Izzy Edgeworth, Oscar Hill, Ellie Evans, Callum Sendall

