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Lesson	Area/objectives from New	Activity
	Curriculum	*All activities can be easily edited to suit the different abilities within
		a class.
Facts written	read Roman numerals to 100 (I to C)	Activity sheet 1 - Pupils are asked to read the Macbeth related facts
numerals	 read Roman numerals to 1000 (M) and recognise years written in Roman 	Challenge number related
numerais	numerals	Macbeth facts and asking them to write numbers in Roman numerals
	numerals.	before giving them to a partner to work out.
Design a new	• develop their ability to solve a range of	Activity sheet 2 - Pupils should follow instructions to colour a tartan
type of Tartan	problems	pattern on two coordinate grids. They are then able to 'free-design'
pattern	 develop their ability to solve a wider 	their own tartan.
	range of problems	Challenge pupils by asking them to write a set of instructions for a
		partner to create their tartan vision. They could also predesign tartan
		and then sit back-to-back with a partner then tries to recreate what they
		hear. They then compare the designs and discuss
		successes/improvements.
Crack the code –	• develop their ability to solve a range of	Activity sheet 3 - Pupils attempt to 'crack' Macduff's message to his
work out a secret	problems	family. They should then try to write their own coded message
message	 develop their ability to solve a wider 	telling Macduff that his family are no longer alive.
	range of problems	Challenge pupils by asking them to create their own code.
Data collection	 interpret and present discrete and 	Activity sheet 4 - Pupils collect data on the favourite Shakespearian
of statts'	continuous data using appropriate	tragedy of staff. Pupils should then present the information in a bar
Shakesneare	and time graphs	onnortunity to ask three of their own questions, which a partner
tragedy		could answer.
		Challenge pupils by asking them to draw their own bar chart in their
		book (instead of using the activity sheet) or to present the data in an
		alternative way.
Capacity of	 ensure that they can use measuring 	Activity sheet 5 - This is a practical activity. The teacher should
cauldrons	instruments with accuracy	provide pupils with various sized bowls. Children should estimate the
(different size	estimate capacity	capacity of each bowl. They should then use jugs to measure the
Sowisj		their estimate and the actual and answer questions based on the
		results. To make it easier, the bowls should be labelled 1-8.
		Challenge pupils by asking them to convert between ml and l.
Converting	Convert between different units of	Activity sheet 6 - This activity asks pupils to covert from millilitres to
capacity of	measure	litres and litres to millilitres.
cauldrons	 convert between different units of 	Challenge pupils by asking them to find different
Mord problems	metric measure: litre and millilitre	Activity choot 7 Pupils to answer various word problems linked to
	 Solve addition and subtraction multi- step problems in contexts, deciding 	the story of Macheth
	which operations and methods to use	Challenge pupils by giving them an act from Macbeth and asking
	 use all four operations to solve 	them to create their own word problems linked to that part of the
	problems involving measure	story. A partner could then answer these.
Percentages of	 recognise the percent symbol (%) and 	Activity sheet 8 - Pupils should work out the percentage of different
spell mixtures	understand that per cent relates to	ingredients in order to help the witches with their spell.
	'number of parts per hundred', and	Challenge pupils by changing the percentages to ones that they are
	write percentages as a fraction with	less familiar with, i.e. 15%, 35%, 40% etc.
Decimals and	recognise and write decimal	Activity sheet 9 - Pupils are asked to convert between decimals and
fractions of spell	equivalents	fractions to fix the spells. Pupils can then create their own spell for a
mixtures	 read and write decimal numbers as 	partner to convert.
	fractions [for example, 0.71 = 71/100]	Challenge pupils by editing the activity to include trickier fractions
		and decimals.
Reflection of	• identify, describe and represent the	Activity sheet 10 - Pupils start by reflecting two symbols. Then they
Macbeth	position of a shape following a	are asked to translate two symbols. They are then able to reflect and
Symbols	reflection or translation	

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	 identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed 	Challenge pupils by asking them to rotate the letters in the word Macbeth.
Use information from a timetable of battles to answer questions	 complete, read and interpret information in tables, including timetables solve problems involving converting between units of time 	 Activity sheet 11 – Pupils use information from a table regarding the two main battles in Macbeth to answer questions. Challenge pupils by giving them further inference questions relating to the times. They could also create their own timetable of different events within Macbeth and pose their own questions.
Fractions of flags – colour the flag correctly	 identify fractions of a given fraction, represented visually 	Activity sheet 12 – Pupils should colour the flags according to the instructions in the boxes. Where there are similar instructions, pupils should think of a different way to represent the fractions. Challenge pupils by changing the shapes to ovals or hexagons. Pupils could also design their own flags and then detail the fractions of the different colours.
Find the area and perimeter of different rooms in Cawdor Castle	 calculate the perimeter of a rectilinear figure calculate and compare the area of rectangles, including using square metres (m²) 	 Activity sheet 13 - Pupils work out the area and perimeter of different rooms in Cawdor Castle. They then answer questions based on their findings. Challenge pupils by changing the whole numbers to decimal numbers. Rooms could also be changed so that they are composite shapes.
Map coordinates of different locations in Scotland	 describe positions on a 2-D grid as coordinates 	 Activity sheet 14 - Pupils plot geographically significant places onto a map of Scotland. Challenge pupils by asking them to plot Scottish cities on the map, i.e. Edinburgh using a book or Ipad for reference.