

MACBETH

ACT 4

YEAR 3 AND 4 CRACK THE CODE



CONTEXT

Macbeth visits the witches again, seeking reassurance. They show him three visions; a floating head to warn him to beware of Macduff, a child to show him that “none of woman born/shall harm Macbeth” and finally a crowned child holding a tree shows that he is safe until Birnam Wood moves to Dunsinane Wood.

Meanwhile Macduff has fled to England and on hearing the news Macbeth sends people to Macduff’s castle to kill his wife and children.

At the end of the act Macduff is told about his family’s deaths and vows to return to Scotland and seek revenge on Macbeth.

MATHS

L.I. To develop their ability to solve a wider range of problems

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1. Using the code below, you need to 'crack' Macduff's message to his family.

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2. Unfortunately Macbeth had already sent murderers to kill Macduff's wife and children. Imagine you are Macduff's friend and use the code above to write a message to tell him about the death of his family

