

## Literacy

LO: To find features of a newspaper

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

You are going to need the following newspaper article for this lesson. If you can print it that would be ideal, but don't worry if you can't but you will need to read it carefully. You can download it from the website

# Inverness Herald

Friday 12th March 1047

1 penny

## Rumours of Witchcraft

### Witches seen upon the heath cause panic

By Dougal Douglas

**REPORTS of three witches dancing around a bubbling cauldron upon the heath at midnight, have caused alarm amongst the townsfolk of Inverness.**

Eyewitnesses, living near Castle Inverness, the home of King Macbeth, claim to have seen three haggard figures, believed to be witches, upon the heath just outside Inverness, on two separate occasions in the last few days. It is feared that the witches may be involved in sorcery and black magic.

The first sighting took place during a terrible thunder storm. While the storm raged, the three witches were seen dancing and heard chanting around a bubbling cauldron. An eyewitness, who does not wish to be named said, "They appeared like ghosts out of mist, cast their spells, then disappeared as suddenly as they had appeared!"

The second time they were seen, once again late at night upon the heath, it is alleged, they were met by King Macbeth, who was not king at the time of the meeting. The King, of course, denies all knowledge of the meeting.



An artist's impression of the Three Witches.

King Macbeth has spoken to people of Inverness, assuring them that the witches are nothing but superstition, and a figment of someone's wild imagination.

Is King Macbeth to be believed, or are the rumours true? What is true is that, at the moment, nothing is as it should be!

Your first task is to read through the article. As you do so you need to be looking for these features.

- Headline
- By-line
- Sub-heading
- Introduction (orientation) – 5W's
- Photographs
- Captions
- Quotes – direct speech and indirect speech
- Main events in chronological order
- Third person
- Past tense
- Conclusion

In your Literacy books you need to add the **date** and Learning Objective (LO)

Once you have done that you are either going to need a print out of the article or you are you going to have to draw a table in your books like this.

<b>Feature of a newspaper article</b>	<b>Example from the text</b>
Headline	Rumours of Witchcraft
Introduction / Orientation	REPORTS of three witches dancing around a bubbling cauldron upon the heath at midnight, have caused alarm amongst the townsfolk of Inverness.

If you have been able to print the article you must highlight the different features and label them clearly like the example below.

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Introduction / Orientation

Headline

Caption