

## **Monthly Magpies**



### **Historic Hero:**

In October 1066, William of Normandy defeated his rival at the famous Battle Hasting. Not everyone liked the idea of him being in charge, and he fought several battles after this victory, but on his coronation that September, he began a line of monarchs that eventually leads all the way to our current Queen Elizabeth the Second! Why not make a paper crown and decorate it? You could decide which laws you would make if you were King or Queen for the day!



### **Fun and Free:**

Why not find out more about the Kings and Queens who came after him at the national portrait gallery? Entry is completely free, and in the holidays between 11 and there is an art cart so children can paint their own portraits and there are two trails that children can follow through the museum.



### **Composer Central:**

This month we have been listening to Vaughan Williams in assembly. He faced many battles too, serving in the army during the First World War and his music is often very beautiful. One of his great inspirations was English folk songs. Next time you need to relax, check out his beautiful piece of music, The Lark Ascending. Close your eyes and imagine the beautiful green fields with lark soaring overhead. What else do you see as you listen?



### **Love our Libraries:**

This month we are championing the books of Cressida Cowell. Get swept away with battles of an entirely fictional character with Toothless and Hiccup in the award winning How To Train Your Dragon Series or, for younger children, see what adventures Emily Brown and her toys get up to in the Emily Brown series.



### **Where we live:**

Honeywood Mini Explorers - Victorian School  
Tuesday 22 October 10:30-12:30

Children aged 6-10 years will be able to spend the morning at a Victorian school experiencing Maths, English and Geography lessons at Honeywood House Museum (by the ponds in Carshalton High Street). The event is entirely free but booking is necessary. For further details check out the website here: <https://friendsofhoneywood.co.uk/events.html>



### **Marvellous Mental Health:**

Did you know that some colours have been shown to improve your mood? Some colours, such as blues and yellows can help make you feel happy! With your grown-ups, why not paint or draw a picture using your favourite colours? You could talk about what makes you happy as you draw it.

