



Whytrig Middle School

Year 5 Autumn 2 – What are we learning about?

Topic: 'Fog on the Tyne'

Our local history topic this half term will focus on the changes of Newcastle's quayside over time. We will study the historical importance of local industries such as shipbuilding and mining and learn how they have impacted our local area today.



In **English**, we will be writing:

- A recount letter based on our class text
- A setting description for a dark fairy-tale

Art: We will be continuing our Georgia O'Keefe project, making wrapping paper inspired by her work

Technology: We will be learning about, designing and making recipes based on traditional north east dishes.

Music: We will be learning about the history and origins of British folk music and singing folk songs. We will use the keyboards to play traditional nursery rhymes and Christmas songs.

PE: We will develop our skills in dance with a focus on 'British Values' and develop our skills in basketball

Computing: We will be creating vector drawings (computer drawings with shapes only) using Google Drawings

French: We will be learning vocabulary to spend time in a city, giving directions, buying tickets and shopping

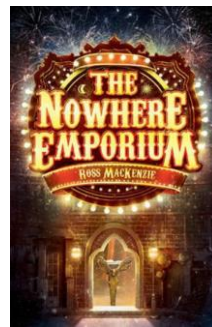
RE: We will have a focus on the beliefs of Islam and learn what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today

PSHE: We will be looking at diversity of modern Britain and look at the range of ethnicities that make a positive contribution to our community

Reminders:

- Please continue to support your child's learning by completing Times Tables Rockstars, Doodle and daily reading at home.

We will be reading:



The Nowhere Emporium – Ross MacKenzie

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on developing skills in multiplication and division of whole numbers and fractions

In **Science**, we will be learning about forces such as gravity, upthrust, air resistance and friction and study the effects of these forces. We will also consider some simple mechanisms, such as levers, pulleys and gears and make some devices to explore their effects

How can I support the curriculum at home?

Take a trip to the Discovery Museum in Newcastle. It's free to enter and has exhibitions on the shipbuilding industry and the history of the Tyne. <https://discoverymuseum.org.uk/>

You could also take a walk along Newcastle Quayside to see the bridges and experience the Quayside as it is today. Follow this free guided walk that points out historical landmarks along the way. <https://walkruncycle.com/quayside-circular-walk/>