



Whytrig Middle School

Year 5 Spring 1 – What are we learning about?



Topic: 'River Deep- Mountain High'

In our geography-based topic this half term, we will be learning about rivers and the physical geography of Europe. We will focus on how rivers are created and how they change along their course. We will learn about the river Danube and its surrounding geography

In English, we will be writing a diary entry and a story using characterising speech. Both pieces of writing are linked to our class novel

In Science, we will be finding out what solids, liquids and gases are and what are their properties? We will learn about the properties of different materials and learn how we use those in everyday life.

Art: We will be working with clay to create a decorative tile, focussing on skills such as manipulation, rolling and carving

Technology: We will be developing our sewing skills in a textiles project inspired by the Danube

Music: Our music topic this term is about music inspired by water, focusing on the pentatonic scale. We will learn to play 'Moonlight Sonata' on the keyboard

PE: We will be developing our physical skills in gymnastics, such as strength, flexibility and balance and learning about the attack and defend principles of tag rugby. We will also be swimming this term

Computing: We will be exploring physical computing, using Crumble, to create a fairground attraction.

French: We will be extending our core French vocabulary focusing on personal identity and descriptions

RE: We will consider why Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah

PSHE: This topic explores safety, making safe decisions and managing hazards and risk

We will be **reading**:

- *Rumaysa*
by
Radiya Hafiza



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

How can I support the curriculum at home?

Visit the north source of the River Tyne at Deadwater, or visit Watersmeet, near Bellingham to see where the northern source meets up with the southern source.

<https://fabulousnorth.com/watersmeet/>

A visit to Plessey Woods in Bedlington to see the River Blyth closer to the mouth and see how the river is different at this stage of its course. There is wildlife to spot, a play area, a visitor's centre, as well as many riverside walks.

<https://www.visitnorthumberland.com/explore/things-to-do/attractions/great-outdoors/plessey-woods-country-park>

Have a go at the optional homework for this topic. Independent research at home is valuable in supporting in school learning. Please encourage your child to have a go at one of the suggested tasks.

Reminders:

Please continue to support your child's learning by completing Times Tables Rockstars, Doodle, games posted in Google Classroom and regular reading at home.