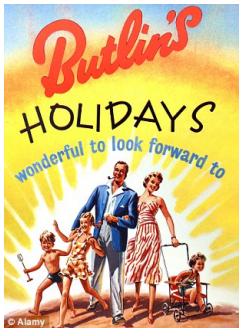




# Whytrig Middle School

## Year 5 Summer 1 – What are we learning about?



### Topic: A Step Back In Time

In our history-based topic, we will be learning about 20<sup>th</sup> century history with a focus on leisure and entertainment through the 20<sup>th</sup> century and investigating the question 'how has the holiday industry changed since the 20<sup>th</sup> century?'

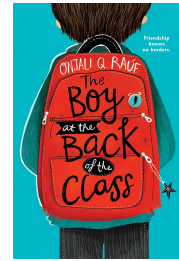


In **English**, we will be writing:

- A newspaper report and an instructional text based on our novel 'Kensuke's Kingdom'

We will be reading:

- Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo
- The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf



In **Maths**, we will be extending our knowledge of:

- Shape
- Position and direction
- Decimals

**Art:** 'Drawings from the seaside' we will focus on observational drawing inspired by the artist Joanne Wishart.

**Technology:** We will be learning weaving techniques, such as using a loom board and the 'under over' technique to create a woven piece inspired by the artist Margo Selby.

**Music:** We will be completing our learning on drum rhythms and beginning a musical theatre topic based on 'The Lion King'

**PE:** We will be focussing on developing our skills in athletics, running, jumping and throwing. We will also be developing our skills in cricket.

**Computing:** We will be using a combination of ICT skills to complete a project based on our topic for this half term.

**French:** We will be learning vocabulary based on 'going to the seaside' and looking at descriptive and persuasive sentences.

**RE:** We will have a Christianity focus and exploring the question 'How do Christians decide how to live?'

**PSHE:** Our topic links to our science topic with a focus on growing up'

In **Science**, we will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats'. Exploring lifecycles of plants and animals and describing the process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

How can I support the curriculum at home?

[Preston Park Museum](#) in Stockton is a brilliant day out where you can visit their exhibition on how entertainment and household life has changed over the last 200 years. A family ticket (2 adults and 3 children) costs just £15 and is valid for a year of unlimited visits. They even have a working Victorian street with shops and businesses to visit, as well as a large play area.

Encourage family members to talk to your child about the kinds of things they did for entertainment and holidays when they were children. Perhaps they have an example of technology that is no longer used that they could show to your child. Sharing photos of the past with your child is useful for them to see how fashions have changed over time and they could listen to music from the decades of the 1900s to see how music developed over the century.

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