



## Whytrig Middle School

### Year 6 Autumn 1 – What are we learning about?



#### **Topic: 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly'**

Our history topic is based on the theme of 'crime and punishment'. We will be learning about what crime is and how crimes have been punished throughout history.

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

- A non-chronological report about famous outlaws.
- Recapping punctuation and grammar.

**Art:** 'Fimo Monsters'. Using fimo as an art material, we will practise making and joining skills inspired by the work of Cat Audette Holt.

**Technology:** We will be developing our cooking skills, such as peeling, chopping and slicing, to make simple dishes and focus on food hygiene and safety.

**Music:** We will be developing our performance skills in singing, percussion and movement with a musical theatre focus inspired by Oliver!

**PE:** We will be developing our physical skills in agility, balance, and coordination and learning and developing attacking and defending skills in football.

**Computing:** We using the program 'Scratch' to understand variables and simulations in computer programming.

**French:** We will be learning vocabulary based on telling the time and daily routines.

**RE:** We will be comparing creation stories and consider if they are conflicting or complementary to scientific theories.

**PSHE:** We will think about 'Aiming High' and consider achievements, aspirations and opportunities.

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

Each year 6 class will swim during one term. Further information about swimming will follow.

We will be reading:

- Holes by Louis Sacher
- The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
- Vampiric Vacation by Kiersten White



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

- Place value
- The four operations
- Fractions, decimals and percentages

In **Science**, we will be learning about 'Changing Materials'. We will investigate different reversible changes, such as changes of state, and different irreversible changes, such as burning, and understand the features of these changes.

How can I support the curriculum at home?

[Hexham Old Gaol](#) is the earliest purpose built prison in England and explores the historical changes in crime and punishment since 1300. It has lots of interactive exhibitions and tours every day. There is a small entrance fee, but once paid you can visit as many times as you like for a whole year, and under 18s are free!

On 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024, entrance to [Hexham Old Gaol is free to everyone](#) as part of England's festival of history and culture. You can also follow [Hexham Old Gaol on X](#).