



Whytrig Middle School

Year 6 Autumn 2– What are we learning about?



Topic: 'American Werewolves'

Our topic this half term is a study of North American Geography with a Gothic Horror focus. We will learn about the countries of North America, how they differ from each other and also how they differ from the UK in both human and physical geography.

In **English**, we will be writing an informal letter based on our class text and a horror setting description

Art: We are continuing our project based on the work of Cat Audette Holt and sculpting monsters inspired by Cat Audette Holt's work

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

Music: We will study 'music from the movies', looking at how music is used to create atmosphere in films. We will use keyboards to play extracts from well known John Williams film scores

PE: In dance, we will practice movement patterns in the HAKA and in games, we will be developing our attacking and defending skills in basketball

Computing: Using Tinkercad, we will develop our media creation skills using 3D modelling

French: With a focus on houses and homes, we will develop our descriptive vocabulary and use prepositions in sentences

RE: We will consider belief and think about why some people believe in God and some people do not

PSHE: This topic explores body image, taking care of our bodies, healthy habits and the idea of consent.

Reminders:

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

We will be reading:



- Dracula (abridged version) – Bram Stoker
- Room 13 – Robert Swindells
- Vampiric Vacation – Kiersten White

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

- The four operations
- Fractions, decimals and percentages

In **Science** we will be learning about electrical circuits and investigating the effects of changing components in a circuit.

How can I support the curriculum at home?

Check out Seterra Map Quizzes

<https://www.seterra.com/> to earn the counties of North America and the States of America. Have a family tournament, who can get the most right?

[PhET](#) is a brilliant interactive tool for learning about electrical circuits and simulating what happens when you change components in a circuit

Bram Stoker famously found inspiration for 'Dracula' while staying in Whitby and our class novel 'Room 13' is set in Whitby. Whitby is just a 90-minute drive from Seaton Delaval. There are both free and paid Dracula themed attractions in Whitby [Visit Whitby](#) links some of the most popular.