



Whytrig Middle School

Year 6 Spring 1– What are we learning about?



Topic: 'Let There Be Light'

In our history-based topic this half term, we will be learning about World War 2. We will study why war broke out and consider the effects of war on life in Britain both during the war and in the years after.



In **English**, we will be writing some war-themed biographical and instructional pieces based on King Arthur and the knights of the round table.

Art: We will be developing our skills in sculpture using clay and polymer clay, focusing on mark making, pattern and shape

Technology: We will be learning about rationing during the war and learn recipes made from rations

Music: We will be looking at music in Britain since the 1930s. Looking at melody and structure of WW2 songs and also learn about instrumental swing and big band music. We will learn to play 'Somewhere Over the Rainbow' on the keyboard.

PE: In gymnastics we will focus on balance, flexibility and strength and in games, we will learn the principles of tag rugby. We will also be swimming this term.

Computing: We will be learning about cyber security, how to protect our devices, and how to identify suspicious contact

French: With a focus on sport, we will develop describing our likes, dislikes, and use of the present tense verb 'jouer' (to play)

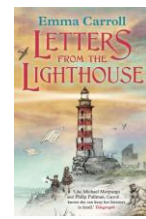
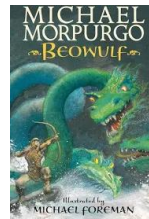
RE: We will be learning about the beliefs of Hinduism

PSHE: We will be developing teamwork skills through communication and respect

Reminders:

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

We will be reading:



- Beowulf – Michael Morpurgo
- Arthur and the Golden Rope – Joe Todd-Stanton
- Letters from the Lighthouse – Emma Carroll
- When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle

In **Maths**, we will be extending our knowledge of; Measure- imperial and metric, and Ratio and proportion.

In **Science** we will understand how light travels and how light is affected when it hits different types of material

How can I support the curriculum at home?

There are many WWII visitor attractions in the north east that you could visit for a small entrance fee including;

- [The Ouseburn Tunnel](#)
- [Blyth Battery](#) (reopens March 2026)
- [North East Air, Land and Sea Museums](#)
- [Beamish \(1940s Farm\)](#)
- [The Discovery Museum \(free entry\)](#)

The [Imperial War Museum](#)'s website is a brilliant way to see some WWII exhibits online. There are videos to watch and links to their YouTube channel on their home learning pages such as [this one](#).

Baking at home is a great way to develop your child's knowledge of measure this term. [The 1940s experiment](#) has some easy ration recipes to try.