



Whytrig Middle School

Year 7 Autumn 1– What are we learning?

Art - We will be researching 'Pop-Art' and prominent artists in this movement. We will be focussing on drawing and lettering skills in the Pop Art style and exploring different mediums.

DT – We will be starting our 'Bird Boxes' project, learning about the safe use of hand tools, using the pillar drill and disc sander safely and researching types of wood.

Food Tech – We will be looking at 'The Eatwell Guide' and learning about fruit and vegetables and starches as food groups. We will be making recipes including apple crumble and pizza.

French- La rentrée – The start of a new year. We will be learning to pronounce key French words and numbers, talk about our likes and dislikes, and descriptions using definite and indefinite articles.

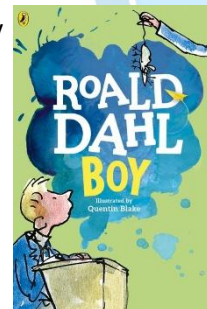
Geography- We will be developing our geography skills, using atlases, maps and grid references. We will be identifying global features such as continents and oceans and national features like capital cities and rivers.

Music- we will be learning about the elements of music, such as pitch, dynamics, tempo time signature, and beginning to use traditional notation and graphic score. We will learn to play 'Ode to Joy' on the keyboard using our right hands.

PE- our focus this half term will be on invasion games such as football, netball, basketball and rugby. We will also use the trampolines as part of our creative PE topic

Computing – We will be focussing on digital literacy and digital citizenship, looking at risks of technology and how to use it safely. We will consider the positive and negative impacts of social media. We will also learn practical computing skills, such as file management, effective online searching and use of basic software.

English - We will be reading 'Boy' - by Roald Dahl. Writing tasks will be focussed on character analysis, descriptive writing and writing an argument.



History- we will be learning about England pre-1066, gaining an insight as to what Anglo Saxon life was like in England at that time.

Maths- we will be developing our knowledge of analysing and displaying data and also developing number skills

Science- we will be learning about how electricity is made from fossil fuels and the problems associated with fossil fuel use. We will learn about different types of electrical circuit and how to measure current and resistance.

SMSC- In RE, we will be finding out about world religions and why religion is important around the world. In PSHE, we will be focussing on relationship education, looking at prejudice, discrimination and racism and also the different between genuine and toxic friendships.

How can I support the curriculum at home?

Encouraging daily reading is one of the most effective ways to boost your child's academic progress, as it strengthens skills that benefit all areas of the curriculum. Staying up to date with current events also helps your child develop critical thinking and enhances their understanding of the world around them. Additionally, talking to your child about what they are learning further supports their development by encouraging them to reflect on and engage with their studies. The following websites are useful sources of revision and extra information about the KS3 curriculum:

- [BBC Bitesize KS3](#)
- [Study Smarter](#) - create a free account to produce flash cards and summary sheets of all topics in the curriculum.
- [Quizlet](#) – download the free app to access interactive revision quizzes and flash on all KS3 curriculum topics