Whytrig Middle School

Year 7 Autumn 2– What are we learning?

Art - We will be continuing our 'Pop Art" project by developing and completing our final pieces and learning how to do a 'half drop repeat' pattern.

DT – We will be continuing our 'Bird Boxes' project, focussing on isometric drawing, researching designs and using the correct tools.

Food Tech – We will be continuing our project on 'The Eatwell Guide' focussing on protein foods, dairy and dairy alternatives. Recipes will include cheese scones and cupcakes.

French- we will be learning to describe ourselves, others and things we like to do in French using adjective agreement and regular er verbs. We will also look at how to tell the time in French and learn about Christmas in France.

Geography- we will be learning about the types and characteristics of different settlements. We will consider how settlements have changed over time and the positives and negatives of settlement growth.

Music- we will be learning about the organisation of the instruments in an orchestra. We will also develop our keyboard skills and play the melody and chords of 'Fur Elise' on the keyboard.

PE- our focus this half term will be on developing our skills in badminton and basketball. We will also be looking at health and fitness.

Computing –We will be focussing on 3D design, understanding why 3D design is important in the real world, creating a 3D design of a house using Google Sketchup. We will use spreadsheets, formulas and functions to create a budget and we will use PowerPoint to present our designs.

English - We will continue to read 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and study the poem 'I come from…' by Dean Atta. We will write our own poems and develop our oracy skills when performing poetry. We will also consider persuasive language techniques in advertising.



History- we will be learning about the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings and analyse the contenders who had a claim to the kingship of England and understand why there was a fight over the throne.

Maths- we will be developing our knowledge of functions and formula, decimals and measures.

Science- we will be continuing to learn about electrical circuits and then focus on forces. We will learn about the effects of forces on stationary and moving objects.

SMSC- Our focus is on Health and Wellbeing. We will learn about healthy eating, the reasons to eat a balances diet and the benefits of exercise.

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