



Whytrig Middle School

Year 7 Spring 1 – What are we learning?

Art - We will be starting a clay skills project based on Gargoyles and Grotesques. This half term will be spent developing ideas and skills using clay.

DT – We will be continuing our Bird Box project, focussing on sawing and joining techniques and using tools correctly.

Food Tech – We will be continuing our project on food the Eatwell Guide and Food Choice. We will learn about food labelling and factors that affect food choices. Recipes will include gluten-free shortbread and sausage rolls.

French- we will be learning to talk in French about school. We will learn to give opinions on school subjects and school uniform.

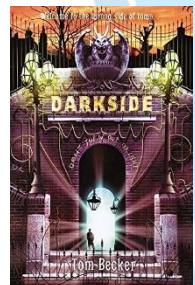
Geography- we will be learning about weather and climate and how they differ around the world. We will study the climate in the UK and do a case study on extreme weather.

Music- we will be starting a musical theatre topic based on 'Matilda'. We will develop our skills in singing as a group and perform a short script considering actions to music, tone of voice and character.

PE- our focus this half term will be on trampolining and rugby.

Computing –We will be learning about computer networks and systems. We will find out about the benefits of networks, the differences between wired and wireless transmission and understand the key services and protocols used on the World Wide Web.

English - We will be studying Gothic literature, focussing on character analysis and setting descriptions in Gothic short stories and extracts from classic Gothic literature. We will be reading 'Darkside' by Tom Becker.



History- we will be learning about how William I established control of England after winning the Battle of Hastings, including his use of castles to establish control.

Maths- we will be developing our knowledge of fractions, percentages and probability.

Science- we will be working on a biology topic, focussed on the human body, cells and reproduction.

SMSC- Our focus is on Religious Education. We will consider the faith and beliefs of major world religions and compare them to Christianity.

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