



Whytrig Middle School

Year 7 Spring 2– What are we learning?

Art - We will be continuing our 'Gargoyles' project focussing on adding developing our clay work skills by adding features, firing and ageing our pieces.

DT – We will be completing our birdboxes project, focussing on evaluation, assessment and further design development.

Food Tech – We will be continuing our project on food commodities, with a focus on dairy products like milk, yoghurt and cheese and also on potatoes and vegetables. Recipes will include chicken wraps and vanilla cheesecake.

French- we will be learning to talk in French about our school day, focussing on saying what there is/isn't and agreeing and disagreeing.

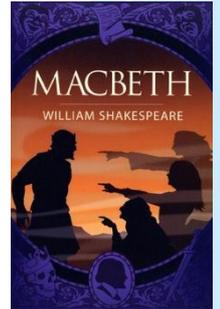
Geography- we will be learning about the geography of cold environments, how animals and plants adapt to live in those environments and what opportunities and challenges there are in extreme environments.

Music- we will be learning Djembe drumming, and learn how to produce 3 distinct tones on the djembe drum. We will create and perform cyclic rhythms and layer these to produce a textured polyrhythm.

PE- our focus this half term will be on learning about alternative sports like Roundnet, Tchoukball and Handball. We will also be developing skills in Volleyball

Computing – We will be learning the features of coding and begin to write some basic programs using Python

English - We will be reading 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. We will be looking at the major themes of the play, character analysis of the main characters of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth and studying some key scenes.



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 ratio and proportion.

Science- we will be continuing our biology topic, with a focus on specialised cells and human reproduction.

SMSC- This half term's focus will be on citizenship. We will learn about the parliament and government and how they work, and the development and history of democracy in Britain.

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