Whytrig Middle School

Year 8 Autumn 2– What are we learning?

Art - We are continuing our mono printing project, working on the development and completion of our final pieces.

DT - We are continuing our acrylic clocks project, considering clock designs, developing skills of plastic cutting and shaping and beginning our final pieces.

Food Tech – We will be continuing to learn about the Governments healthy eating guidelines, focussing on protein and meat alternatives, multi-cultural foods and antioxidant superfoods. Recipes will include curry, burgers and breakfast muffins.

French- J'adore les fêtes: We will learn how to say which festivals we like and dislike and describe different festivals. We will focus on the present tense of er verbs. We will learn about Christmas in France.

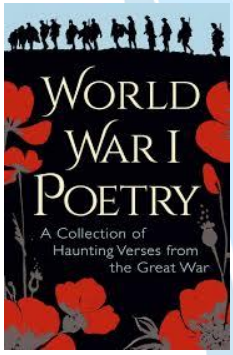
Geography- we will be learning about the human and physical geography of Kenya, comparing life in rural and urban Kenya and the tourist industry in Kenya.

Music- we will be learning about reggae music, looking at the notation for 'Three Little Birds'. We will play the riff and chords for 'Three Little Birds' on a keyboard and perform it as a team.

Science- we will be continuing our physics topic, focussing on how sound travels and how sounds can be changed. We will also start to learn about the Periodic Table of Elements.

Computing – We will explore technologies that make up the internet, learn about HTML and create a basic webpage using HTML and CSS.

English - We will be continuing reading 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo and reading a range of World War 1 poetry. We will analyse and compare poetry. In writing, we will focus on letter writing, character analysis and chronological reports.



History- We will be learning about how Henry VIII's children continued the Reformation, how Elizabeth I secured her reign and the Spanish Armada. We will be thinking about portraits as sources of evidence.

Maths- we will be developing our skills in statistics (graphs and charts) and expressions and algebra (expressions and equations.

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

SMSC- We will be focussing on RE and considering what different world religions have in common. We will then consider the 2 Great Commandments of Christianity and the Christian moral code.

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