



## Whytrig Middle School

### Year 8 Spring 2– What are we learning?

**Art** - We are continuing our public sculpture project, exploring fabric and clay to make mini sculptures.

**DT** - We are continuing our acrylic clocks project, completing our clocks, evaluating as assessing our work.

**Food Tech** – We will be learning about micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) and beginning to learn about food provenance.

**French**- J’adore les fêtes: We will learn to talk about taking a trip in French and use the near future tense with questions.

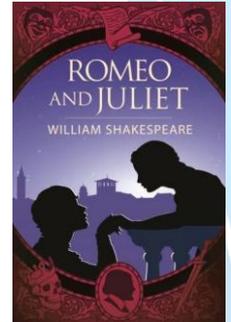
**Geography**- we will be learning about key river processes and landforms and considering what causes flooding and how we cope with flooding in the UK.

**Music**- we will be learning about Samba music, focussing on drumming and Samba drums. We will create and perform cyclic rhythms and develop a Samba ensemble performance.

**Science**- we will be continuing our chemistry topic, focussing on what mixtures are and different ways to separate mixtures.

**Computing** – We will be exploring E-safety – how to use technology responsibly and also looking at computational thinking- understanding algorithms.

**English** - We will be reading ‘Romeo and Juliet’ by William Shakespeare, considering the themes of the play, the context of the story and looking at plot and characterisation.



**History**- We will be learning about the English Civil War, why it started, the objectives and the outcomes.

**Maths**- we will be developing our skills in geometry, focussing on lines and angles.

**PE**- our focus this half term will be on Outdoor Adventurous Activities including orienteering and problem solving. We will also be playing Volleyball.

**SMSC**- This half term will have a citizenship focus, learning about British culture, British identity and symbols of 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