



Whytrig Middle School

Year 8 Summer 1– What are we learning?

Art - We are studying the work of the Artist Claes Oldenburg and being inspired to make our own Public sculptures using clay and fabric.

DT - We are exploring Pewter casting and making a collection of pewter pieces inspired by a collection of different pewter artists.

Food Tech – We will be learning about the concept of ‘Barn to Bake’, continuing to focus on cake making methods such as whisking and creaming and learning about different raising agents. We will be making sponge cake and carrot cake.

French- focussing on the topic of ‘Le Monde est petit’, we will be learning to talk about where we live, daily routines and helping at home, with a focus on reflexive verbs.

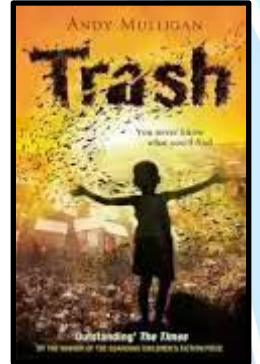
Geography- we will be focussing on geographical enquiry skills and carrying out our own geographical enquiry.

Music- we will be developing our piano skills to incorporate both left and right hand playing. We will studying musical notation and develop our ability to read sheet music.

PE- our focus this half term will be on developing our skills in games such as cricket and rounders.

Computing – We will be introduced to text-based programming using Python and will learn the basics of computer programming.

English - We will be continuing reading ‘Trash’ - by Andy Mulligan. We will be studying the themes of the book, analysing characters and understanding the author’s use of language to create suspense. We will be focussing on descriptive writing, writing from different perspectives.



History- We will be learning about how the British Empire was established and considering whether the British Empire was a positive or negative ‘force’.

Maths- we will be developing our skills in calculating with fractions and learning about straight-line graphs.

Science- we will be continuing our biology topic, learning about how the body releases energy from digested food and how humans obtain oxygen for respiration.

SMSC- We will be focussing on Relationships and Sex education (RSE), learning about the concept of consent and contraception and protection from STIs.

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