



The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2024



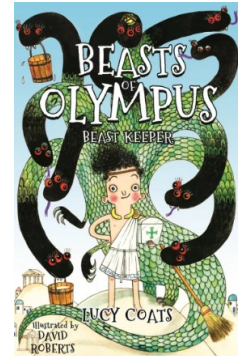
Topic

This block, we will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks! We will discover who the Ancient Greeks were and when they existed, focussing on the extent of their civilisation. We will delve into the mysteries surrounding Ancient Greek mythology and how they related to everyday life. Ancient Greece was ruled in three ways that links to our current model of democracy in the present era. We will explore this and compare to our current model. Ancient Greece was an era for education and philosophy. We will look at key facts relating to significant scholars, philosophers and their teachings. We will discover the conflicts between Athenians and Spartans, studying their differences and their contributions to the downfall of Ancient Greece. Finally, we will be comparing the famous Ancient Greek Olympic Games to the Modern Olympic Games, understanding the significance of the first ever games.



Book recommendation

Beast Keeper—The Beast of Olympus

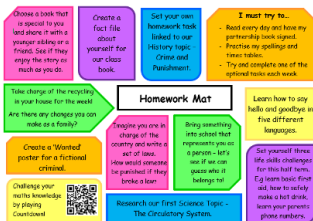


Young boy Demon is reunited with his long lost father, the Greek god Pan. He's in for a shock when he has to sort out the cattle on Mount Olympus, including the Cattle of the Sun, a beast with a slight... wind problem! This hilarious and action-packed book will have children turning the pages at epic speed.

Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always be a reconsolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

In addition to this, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



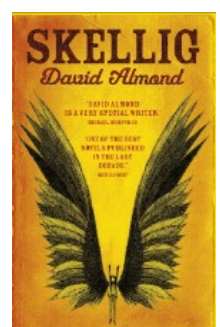
English

In English this half term, we will begin by embedding fundamental skills that are essential for fluent sentence writing. We will revisit the use of different sentence types, conjunctions and sentence structure to ensure that we have all the knowledge we need to write some amazing texts.

Next, we will begin to write our own versions of the poem 'Russian Doll' by Rachael Rooney, thinking about the layers of Michael's personality in the book 'Skellig' by David Almond.

We will then write a narrative retelling the Greek Myth 'Icarus', using direct speech and dialogue, different synonyms and antonyms and learning how to create atmosphere and tension.

Finally, we will write a character description of Mina using a variety of prepositional phrases, a wide range of figurative language and using different word classes to enhance meaning.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing build on our knowledge and understanding of place value. We will be learning how to recognise the value of digits in up to 6 figure numbers. This will also include: comparing and ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and counting forwards and backwards in negative numbers.

We will also be practising the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include: adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4-digits, investigating factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge. The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership and Homework books.



Maths Vocabulary

- Digit
- Numeral
- Partition
- Integer
- Add/Subtract
- Estimate
- Inverse
- Rounding
- Factors
- Multiples
- Prime Number
- Square Numbers
- Cube Numbers

Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting our reading reward system. Each class will become 'Reading Rocketeers' aiming to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. Children are encouraged to read at home every day and to make a note in their partnership book every time they read outside of school. After every 20 reads, they will get one step closer to space and will be rewarded with a token which they can 'spend' on prizes and, of course, books!



Spellings

All children will be given spelling words to learn each **Friday**.

These should be practised at home as often as possible and different words with the same spelling pattern will be tested in school the following **Friday**.

PE

Our PE days will be a **Wednesday for Hazel and Friday for Elm and Birch** this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for this day.

PE kit consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

1st/3rd October—Parent and Carer Evening

2nd October—Harvest Festival

9th October—Parent and Carer Reading Session

10th October— Birch Class Assembly

17th October—Elm Class Assembly

18th October—School Photographs

18th October—Break up for Half-term

We look forward to working you and your child this half term.

Mr Phillips, Miss Haywood and Miss Shenton.