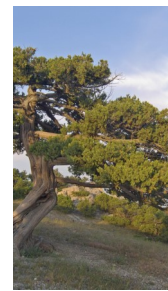




# The Glapton Academy

## Walnut and Juniper F1

### Newsletter Autumn Term

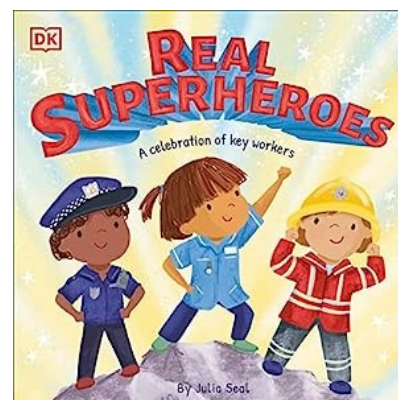
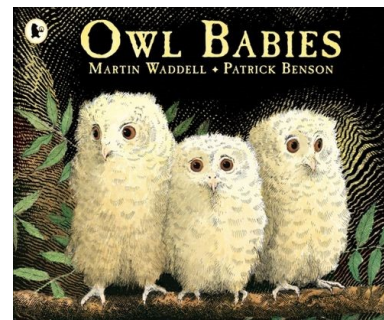


#### Marvellous Me

Our first topic this year is 'Marvellous Me'. This will be a great opportunity to talk about ourselves and get to know each other. We will explore what makes us unique through the story of Elmer. We will then learn to spot visual similarities and differences between us and our friends. We will learn to talk about our immediate families and will spend some time describing special events in our lives. We will be answering the enquiry question - What makes me special?

After half term, we will learn to identify name different feelings and will get to know people in our school who can help us. In addition to this, we will learn about people who help us in our community such as police officers, doctors, lifeguards and fire fighters. We will also investigate the celebrations of Diwali and Christmas and will learn that although people celebrate different things, the way people celebrate is similar. We will be answering the enquiry question - What makes a community?

#### Book recommendations



#### Class Dojo

Please use Class Dojo to share your child's learning with us! We love to see photos of the amazing things they do at home to make you proud!

We would also love you to share photos of anything exciting they do during the weekends! The children love sharing what they have been up to and it is a really good opportunity for them to practise those important talking skills!

#### English

In Phonics, we will begin by exploring Environmental sounds. Environmental sounds are the common noises we hear all around us in our daily lives. Encourage your children to listen and identify sounds when you are at home or out and about. Learning to recognise sounds we hear is an important skill which allows children to understand what's going on in the world around them.

After that, we will be exploring Instrumental sounds. These are the noises creating by musical instruments.

We will also be encouraging the children to learn to mark make with a range of different tools including pencils, crayons, felt tip pens, chalk and paintbrushes. The children will learn to tell an adult about what they have drawn. In addition to this, we will be tracing over different patterns to build up the children's pencil control.

We will of course be listening to lots of different stories and learning to sing lots of different nursery rhymes too!



### Maths

We will begin this half term by learning to sort objects in different ways. We will sort objects by size, type and colour. After that, we will be exploring patterns in the world around us. We will look at different patterns and begin to make our own simple repeating patterns. They will have the opportunity to use a wide range of resources in the classroom environment to explore continuing and creating their own patterns in their play.

Following on from this, we will explore time. We will learn to sequence events such as brushing teeth and getting ready for bed. We will use the words first, next and then to order these events.

After that, we will begin to explore number. We will practise counting by saying number names in order and will learn to count objects by touching each one and saying the number names.



### Maths Vocabulary

Sort  
Size  
Colour  
Pattern  
Repeating pattern  
Order  
Sequence  
First  
Next  
Then  
Number  
Counting  
Subitise

### Reading

Children will bring home a reading for pleasure book each week, this is for you to read to them. This will be changed on a Wednesday so please ensure it is returned on this day so your child can select a new book.

Please try to read to your child every day at home. Encourage them to talk about what they have heard and answer simple questions about what is happening.

Listening to stories and developing a love of reading and books at this age will help set them up to become successful readers later on!

### Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather.

Raincoats and wellies if it's wet and hats and sun-cream applied on hot days. Please also ensure they bring a named water bottle to school every day.

### PE

Our PE day will be a Wednesday this half term.

Nursery children will take part in a short PE session with our sports coach on a Wednesday.

To begin with, we won't ask the children to get changed for this session however this is something we will build up to once all of the children are settled and confident in school so this would be a good thing to start practising at home!

### Dates For Your Diary

20th - 31st October: Half term

11th -12th November: Parents' evening

14th November: Children in Need

17th - 21st November: Anti-bullying week

10th December: Christmas Fair (3:30-5:30)

19th December: Book Bus

22nd December - 5th January: Christmas break

We look forward to working with you this half term!

*Mrs Eden-Smith,*

*Mrs Fletcher,*

*Miss Haywood*