

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1 & 2 Newsletter

### Autumn 1 & 2



#### Our Big Question

##### How has London changed over time?

We are learning all about The Great Fire of London and Victorian London.

We are looking at the buildings, transport and people. We are investigating what it is like to be a child in Victorian England too. Our aim is to take the children on a special trip to Beaumanor Hall to experience the jobs and the classroom as a Victorian child. We will be linking lots of our learning to this question such as making a puppet in design and technology,

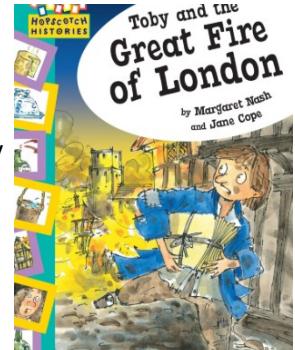


#### Book recommendation

##### 'Toby and The Great Fire of London'

"Toby and the Great Fire of London" is a children's story by Margaret Nash and Jane Cope about a young boy, Toby, who gets caught up in the events of the Great Fire of London in 1666 after forgetting to deliver a book for his master, Mr. Pepys.

While trying to complete his errand, Toby witnesses the fire's devastating spread, helping to protect items for Mr. Pepys and eventually joining King Charles II and others to fight the flames.



#### Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday, which must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday.

Homework will provide an opportunity for children to consolidate their learning in Maths and English that has taken place in school. This will be set weekly.

Throughout this Block of learning we would love it if the children could create a house from the era of The Great Fire of London.

Take some pictures exploring different materials or create something for an animal thinking of the properties of those materials.

We will also be sending some high frequency words or phonic sounds that the children don't quite know yet.

#### English

We start the year by recapping the different word classes. We learn that nouns are people, places and things and adjectives are words that describe the noun. This will help when we write our setting description.



We will then be writing a diary and taking part in poetry week.

We will be inspired by Samuel Pepys when doing our diary writing and bringing The Great Fire of London to life.

This will then lead us in nicely to write letters and a recount. Lots of our writing also occurs across other lessons.

## Maths

During this block, we will be focusing on our place value skills using pictorial and concrete representations.

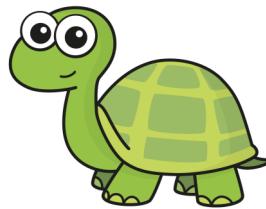
### In Year 1, we will be:

- To be able to represent numbers to 10.
- Recognising numbers as words
- To count on or back from a given number.
- To find more, less or fewer than a given amount.
- To compare and order numbers to 10.

### Our Year 2 children will be:

- Working on place value of a 2 digit number.
- Being able to partition numbers to 100.
- To be able to write the numbers in words and numerals.
- To use a place value chart.

Keep collecting those coins on TT Rock Stars too  
There will be some class battles. Time to take on the other classes.



## Maths Vocabulary

- Tens
- Ones
- Place Value
- Numerals
- Words
- More
- Less
- Fewer
- Flexible
- Compare
- Estimate
- Number Line
- Counting

## Reading Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this on their reading sheet. The children love their "Reading Rocketeers" challenge, and the aim is to get to "space" (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. 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 week.

## PE

Our PE day will be a  
**Tuesday for Willow**  
**Tuesday for Chestnut**  
**Thursday for Beech** 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 or jogging bottoms  
Plimsolls or Trainers  
Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt for outdoor PE

## Dates for your diary

- 13th—15th October: Y6 residential
- 20th - 31<sup>st</sup> October: Half term
- 5th November—Bonfire Night
- 11th –12th November—Parent's evening
- 14th November—Children in Need
- 17th to 21st November Anti Bullying Week.
- 10th December—Christmas Fair (3:30 to 5:30)
- 19th December—Book Bus
- 22nd December—End of term

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

*Miss Morjaria,  
Mrs Lees  
Mr Payne*