



The Glapton Academy

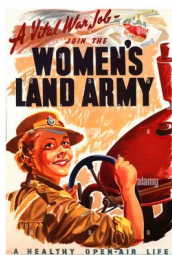
Year 5/6 Newsletter



Enquiry

Our enquiry question this term is 'What is the impact of propaganda on society?'

To be able to answer this question, we will be learning about how propaganda was used in Ancient Egypt, World War II and the modern day. We will be learning about the techniques of propaganda, how it was used and who it may have influenced. Looking into and comparing two very different times gives the children different perspectives and allows them to develop their investigation skills, learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped to shape the world we know today.



Book recommendation

World War II, Short Stories for Kids is a heart warming collection of over 20 World War II short stories for young readers.

These stories highlighting acts of bravery, kindness, and moral strength from across Europe and beyond.

These accessible tales, free of graphic violence, teach empathy, courage, and compassion through lesser known snapshots of history.



Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday.

This must be completed by the following Wednesday.

Homework given will always be a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

Year 6 children will be set their weekly homework using an online tracker and we hope to share more information with you about this soon.

English

In English this term, we will be exploring World War II through the book, *Rose Blanche* by Ian McEwan. We will be studying a variety of text types including narratives, setting descriptions and diary recounts in order to support us when creating our own versions.

We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) skills through the use of writing. We will begin this term by learning about different sentence structures and how to improve our writing.

In reading, we will be developing a range of skills, such as inference, retrieval, predication, dictionary skills and explanation in order to really understand and use the skills needed to locate, define, explain words, sentences and paragraphs within text.



Maths

This half term, the children will be learning about place value.

Year 5 will work with numbers up to one million, practise rounding and use negative numbers, while Year 6 will extend this to ten million and apply their skills in real-life contexts such as temperature. After this, both year groups will move on to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division), building accuracy and confidence when working with larger numbers.

We will 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 will be added to the children's Reading Records.



Maths vocabulary

- digit
- place value
- ones
- tens
- hundreds
- thousands
- round
- rounding
- negative number
- greater than
- less than
- estimate
- addition
- subtraction

Reading Records

Children are encouraged to read at home every day and to make a note in their reading record every time they read outside of school.

New Reading Records will be handed out as soon as they arrive but in the meantime, please continue to read with your child each day.



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

Hazel - Wednesday
Elm - Wednesday
Birch - Thursday

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

- 13th - 15th October: Y6 residential
- 20th - 31st October: Half term
- 11th and 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 and your child this year.

Miss Jacobs

Miss Shenton

Miss Edwards

Mrs Warman