The Glapton Academy

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Leadership Insights





A Glapton Update

by Miss Leek

Wow what a first half term! With the exciting news of two new Glapton babies, four new staff members and a growing number of children across school it has been a huge success for The Glapton Academy family. None of this is possible without teamwork and that is something Glapton has in spades. You will notice the odd bit of scaffolding or workers around school as our amazing premises team from LEAD are continuing with huge improvement in refurbishing classrooms, fitting new roofs and improving the toilets across school.

Have a look into the old nursery and you will see our new inclusion base called Treetops. It is now separated into two zones and is a lovely calm atmosphere to work in.



Next Steps - Attendance



Attendance

What do we need to improve?

Attendance is the area of most concern currently. Classes are seeing lots of irregular days off and this can really affect engagement in the classroom due to missed days or sessions. If you miss just one day every fortnight throughout your school life you end up missing a whole school year of learning.

The school are here to support you and if you feel there is a barrier or some issues attending school then please ask for support or advice.



ROOTS

Roots has been running this year to provide a supportive start to those that just need that extra time to settle and be ready for their day.

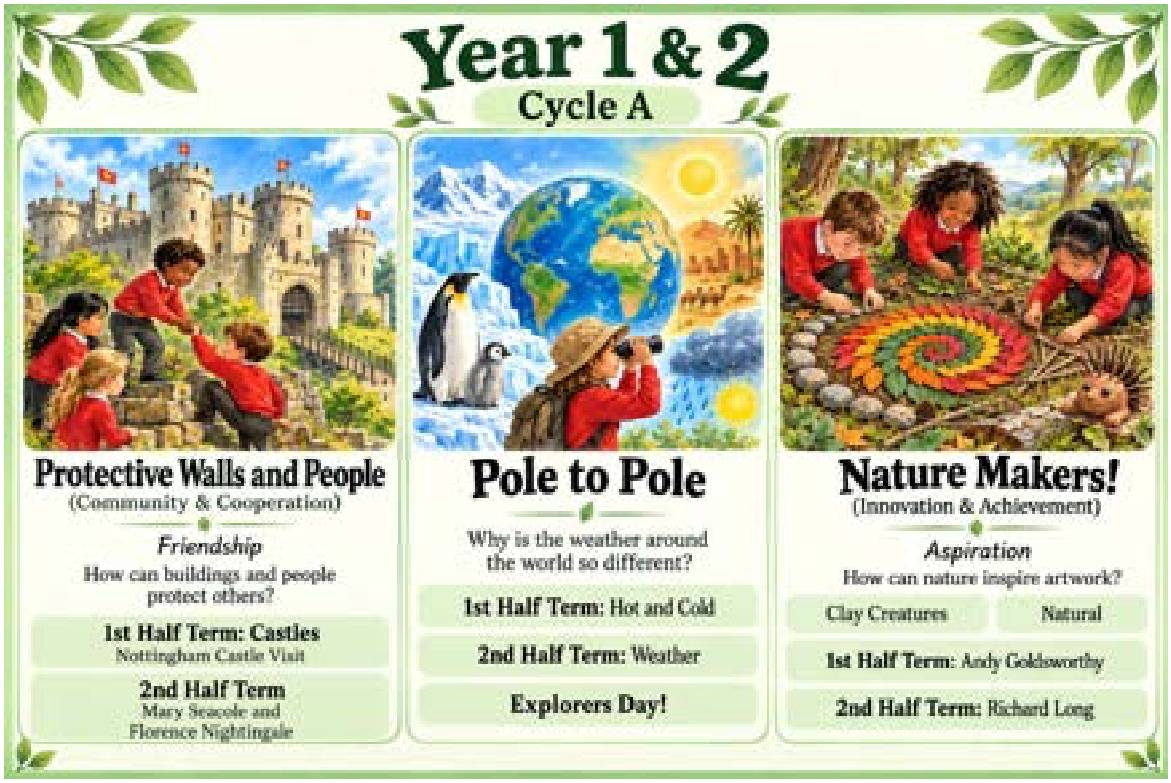
Learning Across the Curriculum

What are we learning through the year?

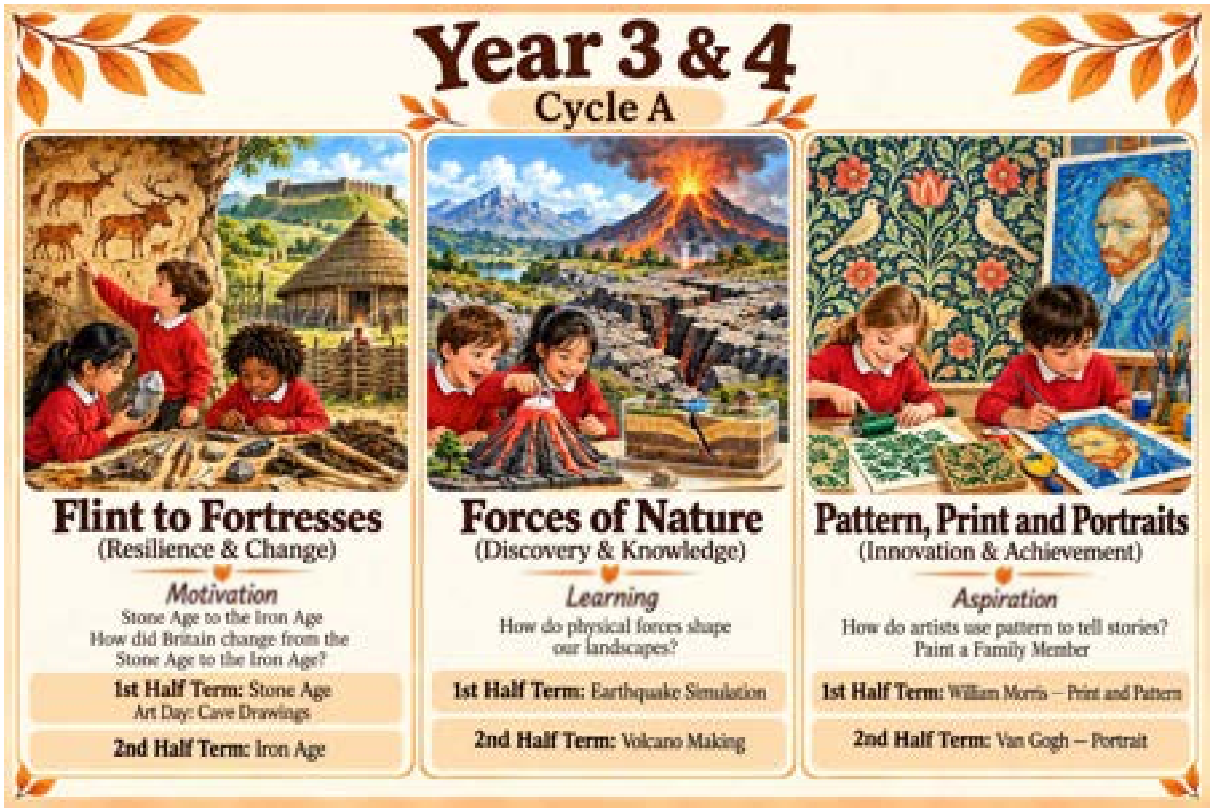
EYFS - Walnut, Juniper and Cherry



Year 1&2 - Beech, Chestnut and Willow Class



Year 3&4 - Oak, Sycamore, Alder



Year 5&6 - Birch, Maple, Elm and Hazel



Class News

Treetops

Treetops will be learning through the story of Stickman next term. We have loved learning in our new environment and enjoyed developing our basic skills. The dough gym is always a favourite too.



EYFS

EYFS continues to grow with our fantastic staff transforming the environment responding to what is best for the Glapton children. We are proud of the children as they engage in their brilliant activities, talk about their learning with lots of smiles and inquisitive questions.





“I love learning in the Den”
“My favourite place is the mud kitchen”

Year 1 and 2 - Willow, Chestnut and Beech

We will continue our topic of **Protective Walls and People** by switching from Castles to Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We have an enquiry question that we continue to revisit - How do buildings and people protect others?

In **English** we will be writing a non-chronological report about Mary Seacole or Florence Nightingale. Instructional writing and a character description will take us up to the Christmas break.

Recommended book - The Extraordinary Life of Mary Seacole



Maths

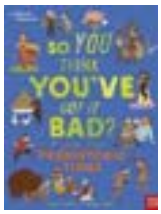
You will hear all about Mastery Maths when we get back to school so please watch out for new updates. Our **maths** focus in Year 1 and 2 will be - addition, subtraction and shape.

Year 3 and 4 - Alder, Oak and Sycamore

We will continue our topic of **Flint to Fortresses** by switching our focus from the Stone and Bronze age to the Bronze and Iron age. We have an enquiry question that we continue to revisit - How did Britain change from the Stone age to the Iron age?

In **English** we will be writing letters and diary extracts in combination with some cross curricular writing of instructional writing of how to make a round house.

Recommended book - So you think you've got it bad? Prehistoric History



Maths

Our **maths** focus will be:

Year 3 - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
Year 4 - area and multiplication and division

Please continue to use TT Rockstars and spend some time everyday having a practice. Class battles will be coming soon.

Year 5 and 6 - Birch, Maple, Hazel and Elm

We will continue our topic of **Raiders and Rulers** by switching from Vikings to the Tudors. Our enquiry question this half term is - Why was the Tudor period a time of change?

In **English** we will be diary writing, a remembrance poem and a persuasive letter or poster.

Recommended book - Cressida Cowell - How to Train Your Dragon



Our **maths** focus will be:

Year 5 - Multiplication, division and fractions

Year 6 - Fractions A, B and converting units.

Please continue to practice little bits and often as it really does have a huge impact later and gets them ready for secondary school.

Worries, Concerns or Questions

Never sit on a worry, conern or just a question: Contact the office and let's work together to solve it!

Can you work out the riddles? No AI or Google allowed. Just talk together or answer them while having a family dinner.

What kind of lion never roars?

What do you have to break to use it?

What gets bigger when more gets taken away?

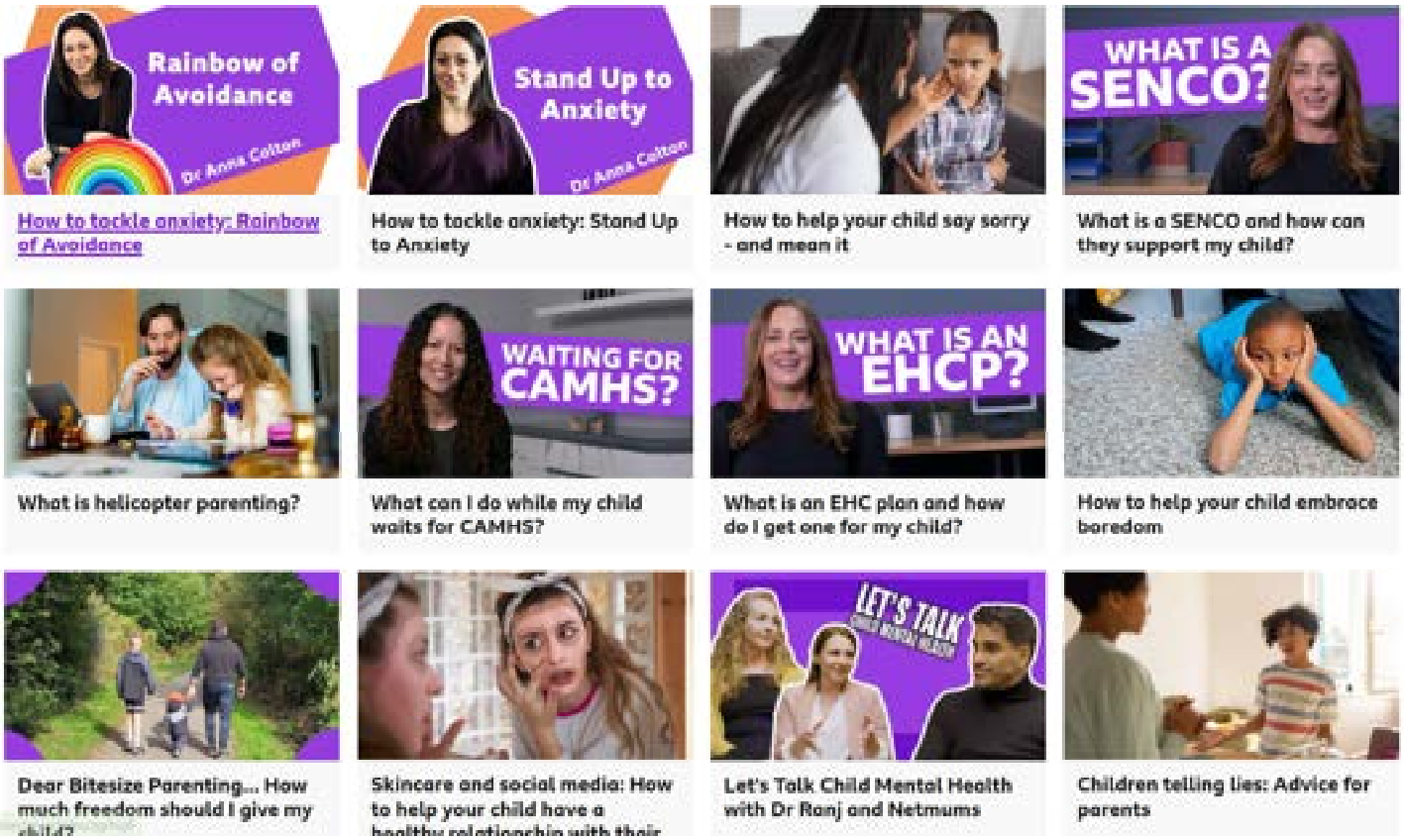
Support Information

Wellbeing for Children and Parents

BBC Bitesize share wellbeing tips for parents to help you support a healthy, happy childhood – with advice on food, sleep, mindfulness, as well as ways to look after you and your child's mental health.

Family wellbeing - BBC Parents' Toolkit - BBC Bitesize

More wellbeing tips and advice



YOUNGMINDS





Christmas Singalongs and Nativities

3rd December - KS1 Nativity 9:30am and 1:30pm

9th December - Christmas Fair

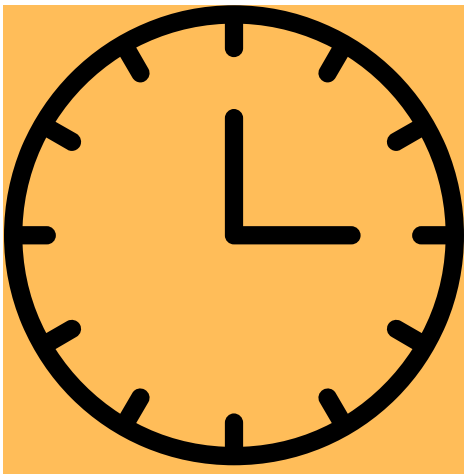
10th December - EYFS Singalong 9:30am and 2:30pm

11th December - Y3&4 Singalong 9:30am and 2:30pm

15th December - Y5&6 9:30am and 2:30pm

16th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

17th December - Whole School Christmas PANTO



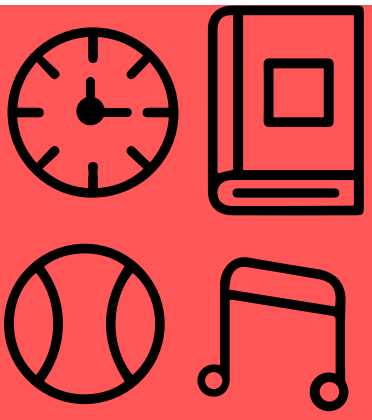
Other Key Dates

3rd November to 8th December - Clay Creators after school club.

10th & 11th November - Parent's evening

20th December - Children in Need - Non Uniform

27th December - Non Uniform - Chocolate and Bottled



After School Clubs

Tuesday 3rd November to 8th December Archery and Target Games - KS1

Thursday 5th November to 10th December Archery and Target Games - KS2

Coming Soon - Supporting maths with darts. 6 dart boards - soft tip darts - gross and fine motor skills, target throwing and maths all rolled into one.

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Let us know



If your child/children have something amzing to share then please let us know and maybe they will make the next newsletter. admin@glaptonacademy.co.uk

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