

The Glapton Academy

Year 6 Elm Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020



Topic

This half term we will be delving into the gory history of the British Justice System. We will be going on a time travelling tour through history, starting with the Rotten Romans! We also explore the justice systems of the Anglo Saxons, Tudors and Victorians and make comparisons between laws past and present. This unit will develop our chronological knowledge beyond 1066 through studying this aspect of social history. We will deepen our historical awareness and understanding of how our past is constructed through studying the famous highway man.



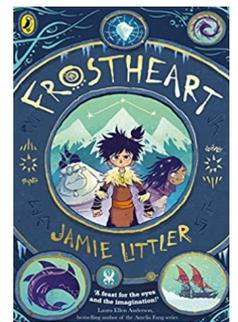
Book Recommendation

Way out in the furthest part of the known world, a tiny stronghold exists all on its own, cut off from the rest of human-kin by monsters that lurk beneath the Snow Sea.

But life is about to get a whole lot more crazy-adventurous for Ash.

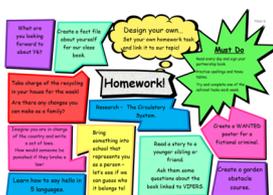
When a brave rescue attempt reveals he has amazing magical powers, he's whisked aboard the *Frostheart*, a sleigh packed full of daring explorers who could use his help.

Can they help him find his family . . . ?



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.

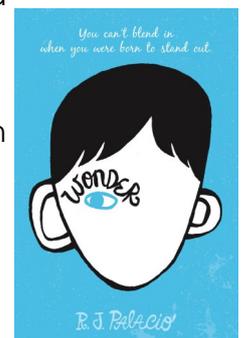


English

In English this term, we will be exploring a range of fiction and non fiction genres, whilst reading the novel 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. We will be studying a variety of text types including discussions, recounts and non-chronological reports, in order to support us when we are creating our own versions.

We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling)) skills through the use of Writing LEAPs. We will begin this term by learning how to adapt our writing for different readers by changing sentence length and sentence complexity, as well as using a wide range of clause structures.

In reading, we will be working on our skimming, scanning and text marking skills in order to locate information and evidence within a text as well as explaining the reasons why a writer has set out/ordered a text in a particular way and explaining the effect this has on us as readers.



Maths

This term, the children in Year Six will be focusing on number, place value and calculations within maths. As part of our place value unit, the children will be expected to read and write numbers up to 10 million and recognise the place value of digits within a number including decimals. They will also be taught to compare and order numbers involving decimals, round to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000 and calculate intervals across zero.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. There is no trick to being able to do these, other than practise, so any support that you can give your child at home to learn these off by heart would be greatly appreciated.

Please also encourage your child/ren to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.



Maths Vocabulary

Ones

Tens

Hundreds

Thousands

Ten-thousands

Hundred-thousands

Millions

Tenths

Hundredths,

Decimal place

Less than

Greater than

Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. 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 day will be a **Tuesday** however your child's PE kit must be in school every day as this can change. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for these days.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts or joggers

Trainers (outside)

Plimsolls (inside)

Diary Dates

15.09.20: Virtual Spelling Session for Parents with Mrs Kay

23.09.20: French Challenge Day

25.09.20: Year 6 Parents Evening

29.09.20: Virtual Calculation Session for Parents with Mrs Randall

01.10.20: Elm Class Assembly - Virtual Assembly

02.10.20 Harvest Festival

13.10.20: Virtual Year 6 SATs Information Session for Parents

I look forward to seeing you all again soon and working alongside you and your family.

Miss Edwards