

The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Chestnut Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020



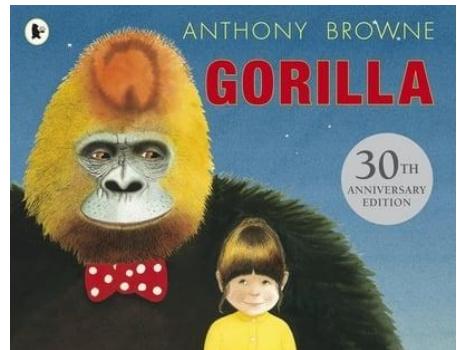
Topic

This half term our topic is called 'Into the Forest' where we'll be focussing mainly on Geography and Science. We'll learn what human and physical geography is and be able to identify human and physical features of different places.

In Science we'll learn about the seasonal changes and the structure of trees and flowers (since our topic is about forests!). Then we'll discover what animals and habitats there are in forests and other areas around the world. Animals have basic needs to be able to survive just like us. Could you find these out before we learn them?

Book Recommendation

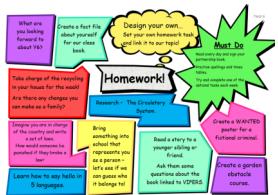
This half-term our focus author is Anthony Browne.



Gorilla by Anthony Browne.

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.

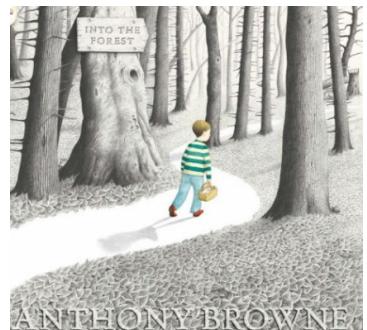


English

Since our topic this half term is called 'Into The Forest', our English lessons will be based around the book Into The Forest by Anthony Browne. We'll be writing three different texts based on this book; a character description, we'll retell the story and create our own riddles.

First we'll recap on how to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces correctly before we introduce some new writing skills that will make your writing much more exciting!

Do you remember what nouns, verbs and adjectives are? Can you give some examples of any?



Maths

Our first unit of maths this year is place value. We'll be learning how to recognise and represent two digit numbers in a variety of ways. We'll be comparing numbers using the symbols <, > and =. After this we will be adding and subtracting to and from 100 using concrete resources, pictorial methods and written methods.

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.



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 **Friday** 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

22.09.20: Year 2 Parents Evening

02.10.20 Harvest Festival

06.10.20 Virtual Parents Phonics Sessions with Miss Watts

Maths Vocabulary

place value
tens
ones
digit
partition
represent
estimate
compare
order
addition
subtraction
commutative
inverse

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

Miss Watts