

The Glapton Academy

Year 4 Rowan Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020



Topic

As part of our recovery curriculum, year 4 will be taking part in 'creative Friday' every week. This day will be filled with a variety of subjects. Our topic focus remains the 'Raiders and Traders' with extra subjects to catch up on the content missed during lockdown.

Science: we will be learning about how plants and animals survive.

Music: we will be undertaking brass tuition every Friday.

Art: we will be exploring Andy Warhol's 'Pop Art' and how it had an impact on contemporary art.

RE: we learn about happiness and Buddhism.

Computing: the importance of e-safety.

Book Recommendation—Viking Boy

Throw yourself into the heart of Viking fiction! Gunnar is the son of a Viking chieftain, living peacefully on his family steading with his mother, father and their people – until they are raided by Skuli and his Wolf Men, who raze his home to the ground. Gunnar swears an oath to avenge his homeland and save his mother from Skuli – but first he must run to save himself...

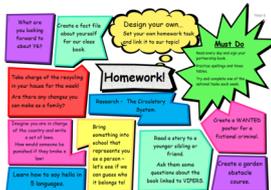


Homework

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, we will be working on year 4 objectives alongside some missed year 3 content. This means we can continue forward with our curriculum whilst securing year 3 based skills. This half term, we will be looking at the novel 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Colwell. Firstly, we will be writing some detailed instructions using a variety of features, including prepositional phrases, sentence forms and conjunctions.

Our second piece of writing will be a diary entry. Diary entries will help reinforce our use of subordinating conjunctions that we recapped in the first two weeks. Also, we will look at the writing process. This will include writing a draft diary entry, editing it based on specific criteria and writing it in neat.

Finally, our last piece of writing this half term will be a variety of poetry including kennings, cinquains and tanka poems.

Maths

Maths will be a vital part of our recovery curriculum. We will be learning both year 3 and year 4 objectives this half term. Our main focus will be upon Place Value, Number and Addition. We will be ensuring that we all understand the value of digits, their sequences and where they fall into the thousands, hundreds, tens and ones grids. After Place Value, we will be developing our formal methods of addition through explanation and reasoning.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as there will be a statutory times tables test in year 4. 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

Place value

Ones

Tens

Hundreds

Thousands

Tenths

Hundredths,

Decimal place

Less than

Greater than

Equal to

Round

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

24.09.20: Year 4 Parents Evening

29.09.20: Virtual Calculation Session for Parents with Mrs Randall

02.10.20 Harvest Festival

I cannot wait to learn and grow with my new class!

Mr Phillips