

The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Beech Newsletter

Autumn Term 2020

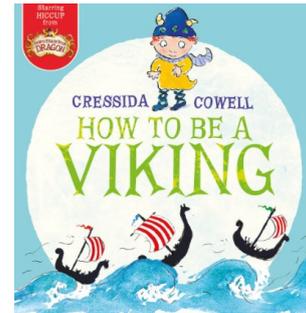


Topic

Our topic this half term is History based and called 'Vile Victorians'. Our term starts off with a DT project where the children will be designing and creating bread and butter pudding for a target audience of their choice. We will then learn about the life of Queen Victoria, the significant events that took place during the Victorian period and explore the differences between our lives and people in the past. This will be taught through our Victorian Day where the children can dress up and discover what life was like for a Victorian school child. We're sure they'll find it very different to their normal school day!

Book Recommendation

"How to be a Viking" by Cressida Cowell.



So begins Cressida Cowell's stories about a little Viking who cannot fit in. Unlike his dad, Stoick the Vast, Hiccup is tiny, thoughtful and polite and scared of almost everything – especially of going to sea for the very first time. But go he must... So who will save the day when everything goes wrong aboard ship and all the big Vikings lose their cool?

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

At the start of the half term we will be using adverbs and command sentences to write instructions for our bread and butter pudding DT project. After this, we will be linking our English writing to our topic lessons by writing a recount of Victorian Day. Finally, we will be practising our descriptive writing by a setting description based on a Victorian Christmas scene. Some key skills we will be covering this half term include: expanded noun phrases, commas in a list, and using subordinating conjunctions (when, because) to add extra information to a sentence.

In VIPERS we will be starting a new book: "That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown" by Cressida Cowell.

Maths

This half term we will be learning all about addition and subtraction. The children will recap their understanding of place value and tens and ones, as well as learning new methods of adding and subtracting numbers using number lines and place value grids. We will then learn to recognise the value of coins and notes, before applying our addition and subtraction skills to make different amounts and give change. Finally, we will begin to use arrays to explore multiplication facts.

We are continuing 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.



Maths Vocabulary

digit
addition
add
plus
subtraction
subtract
take away
number bond
compare
estimate

Partnership Books

Don't forget our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. Each class are '**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 **Thursday**.

PE

This half term our PE days are **Monday and Wednesday** 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)

Diary Dates

11.11.20: Remembrance Day
9.11.20: Anti-bullying Week
13.11.20: Children in Need
9.12.20: Virtual KS1 Nativity
16.11.20: Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
17.11.20: Bubble Christmas parties

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

Miss Gibbons