

The Glapton Academy

Year 6 Elm Newsletter

Autumn—Term Two 2020



Topic

This half term we are going to be learning about WW2. We will be delving into the history books and learn when and why WW2 began and will find out about the key individuals and countries involved. In addition to this, we will be discovering all about evacuation; learn what it was like to live with food rationing and explore the contribution made by women to the war effort. Furthermore, we be learning important facts about the Holocaust and investigate events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of Russia.

Studying World War II will help children to develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped to shape the world we know today.



Book recommendation

A hotel for magical creatures, where weird is normal for Frankie Banister and his parents who run the hotel.

'A splundishly swashbunbling tale of trolls, goblins and other bonejangling creatures.'

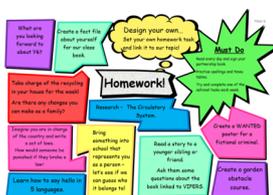
Put on your wellies and plunge into the strangest hotel you will ever encounter'.

- Jeremy Strong



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.

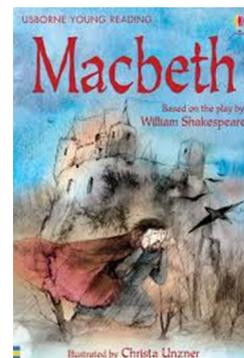


English

This half term we will be delving into the history books where we will learn about the infamous William Shakespeare.

From this we will be completing an author study, detailing Shakespeare's early life, his family as well as plays, famous quotes and theatres. We will then be studying one of Shakespeare's plays Macbeth from which we will be writing a Newspaper report about the murder of King Duncan!

Throughout our English units we will continue to use a wide range of clause structures, sometimes varying their position within the sentence. We will also be learning to manage shifts between levels of formality and link ideas across paragraphs using a wider range of cohesive devices.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing to practise written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include: working with numbers with up to two decimal places, learning how to interpret a remainder as a decimal and fraction and using the order of operations to solve problems. Following this, we will be investigating common factors, common multiples, prime, square and cube numbers.

We will also begin our fractions unit this half term! We will recap equivalent fractions before learning how to simplify fractions, convert between improper and mixed number fractions and compare and order fractions with different numerators and denominators.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.

The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership and Homework books.



Maths Vocabulary

Numerator

Denominator

Equivalent

Simplify

Express

Mixed number

Improper

Highest common factor

Lowest common denominator

Compare

Order

Tenths

Hundredths

Half Quarter Third Fifth

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing with 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** this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for this day.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts or joggers

Trainers (outside)

Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

09.11.20: Ant-Bullying Week

12.11.20: RE Challenge Day

13.11.20: Children in Need

08.12.20: KS2 Virtual Christmas Carol Concert

16.12.20: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

17.12.20: Christmas Parties in Bubbles

18.12.20: Last day of term.

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

Miss Edwards