

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 6 Birch Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2020



#### Topic

In Year 6 this half term, we are going to be learning all about World War 2! We will be delving into the history books and learning how, when and why WW2 began; we 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 will 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.

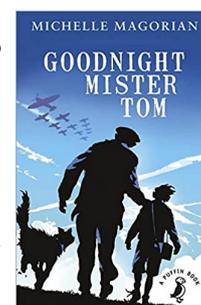


#### Book recommendation

Goodnight Mister Tom

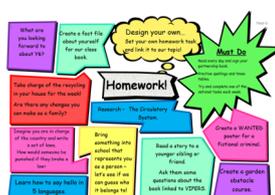
*Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award*

Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower, Thomas Oakley. Although the two find it hard to adjust to their life together at first, they gradually develop a strong bond. Willie begins to enjoy life and make new friends in the village. However, everything is thrown into confusion when Willie is suddenly recalled to London by his neglectful and abusive mother. After several weeks with no letter from Willie, Tom Oakley becomes concerned for his welfare and sets out to London in search of him.



#### 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.

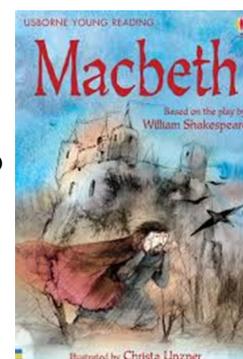


#### English

This half term we will be delving into the history books and learning about William Shakespeare.

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.



## Maths Vocabulary

Regroup  
Exchange  
Remainder  
Decimal  
Fraction  
Numerator  
Denominator  
Equivalent  
Simplify  
Express  
Mixed number  
Improper  
Highest common factor  
Lowest common denominator

## 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** 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)

## Dates for your diary

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 am looking forward to continuing working with you. I am sure it's going to be another great term!

*Mrs Randall*