The Glapton Academy

Year 3 Oak Newsletter

Autumn Term Two

The Stone Age to Iron Age

Our topic for Autumn 2 will be History focussed.

We will explore the beginning of mankind and travel back to the Stone Age through to the iron age. A time when life was simple and there were no computers or gadgets around.

We will be looking at the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron age, looking at how things differed between these time periods and will ask questions and follow lines of enquiry to discover what happened during this time. We will be looking at artefact from this period.

We will be learning about how people survived during this period and we will be make our own Stone Age tools.

Book recommendation – Escape from Pompeii

Join Tranio, the son of an actor, and his friend Livia, the baker's daughter, in witnessing the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD79. Tranio, like most Roman boys, likes to watch whatever is going on: tradesmen selling their goods, ships unloading their exotic cargoes, politicians making speeches in the forum. But one hot August day a very different scene unfolds. The ground begins to shake, the sky to darken. People run gasping for air. What might happen?

Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday.

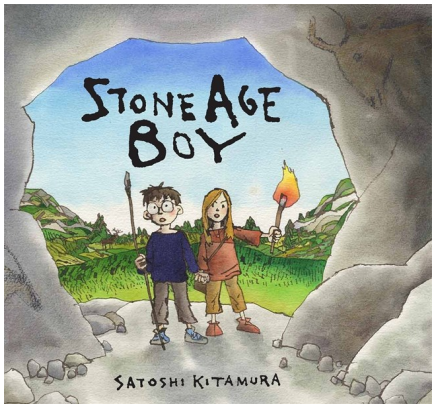
Homework given will always be reconsolidation of learning that has taken place in school

Spare copies of all homework will be available to children throughout the week in the classroom.

English

In English, we will be writing setting descriptions based on the Stone Age Boy. This book will capture the imagination of the children as we dive deeper into British history.

We will be focussing on what makes a good setting description and how we can use our knowledge to better understand the Stone Age environment.



I'm so excited to read this book with the children!

We are also be writing a non-chronological report. We are working on our handwriting and presentation. We are learning to write in cursive script using handwriting books.

Maths

In Maths this term, we will focusing on addition and subtraction and multiplication and Division.

- We will begin by recapping place value and diving deep into the formal methods of adding and subtracting.
- We will also be beginning to work on our multiplication and division skills.
- We will be looking at giving formal method to solve a 2digt by a 1 digit multiplication.

Please continue to support your child by helping them to learn their times-tables. Times-tables Rock-stars is a great way of helping your child to develop this fundamental skill.

We will be focusing on key Maths skills whilst also making learning fun and practical. Please help your child by supporting them with counting in 3s, 4s and 8s.

Maths Vocabulary

Less than <

Greater than >

Numerals

Digits

Numbers

Place Value

Partitioning

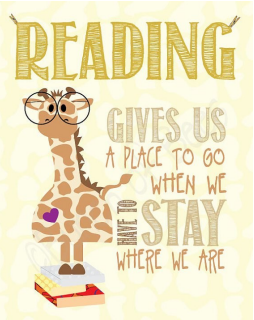
Number line

Ascending

Descending

Spellings and Reading Books

All children will be given spelling words to learn each **Friday**. These should be practised at home as often as possible and will be tested in school the following **Friday**.



Children are also expected to read at home **to an adult at least 3 times a week.**

After listening to your child read please put a short comment, or simply initial, in their partnership book, so I know they have read to

PE

Our PE days will be **Wednesday** and **Friday** this half term, 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.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Plain black Joggers for winter

Trainers or plimsolls

Remember earrings are to be taken out for PE days

Dates for your diary

09.11.20: Anti 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

I'm looking forward to another great half term working with you and your children and seeing the progress everyone in Oak class is making.

Miss Morley