

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 4 Alder Newsletter

### Spring Term (1st half) 2021



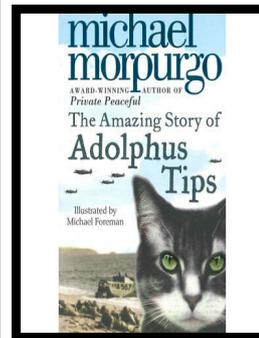
#### Topic

Our topic this half term is 1066AD- probably one of the most famous dates in English history! We will be learning about the troubled times when a much-loved king is dead and a French Duke has staked a claim for our kingdom. Not to mention all the other wannabe monarchs! We will be looking at how England changed at this time, becoming shaped by shires, protected by castles and ruled by foreign knights. We will use the famous Bayeux Tapestry to explore the significant events and people of 1066;

what happened when, and how William came to be called 'the Conqueror'.



#### Book Recommendation

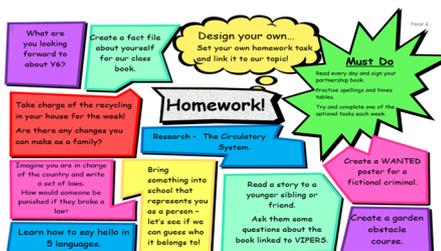


For a book filled with action and anticipation, read 'Adolphus Tips' by Michael Morpurgo.

This is a fast-moving story, full of adventure and suspense. It's about a girl, Lily, and her tabby cat, Adolphus Tips, who live on a farm together in Devon. One day, during the second world war, they are told they must move out because the army needs their village for training. Just as they were about to leave, Adolphus escapes, and much to Lily's consternation, she can not find him...

#### Homework

For some additional topic work to complete at home this half term, check out our homework mat which covers a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



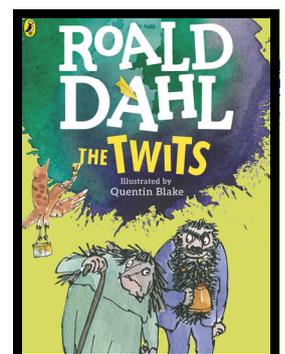
Homework mats can be found on the school website on the Alder class page

#### English

In English this term, we will be exploring a range of fiction and non fiction genres. We will be studying a variety of text types, including: play scripts, biographical writing and character descriptions, in order to support us when we are creating our own versions. We will have a particular focus on the author, Roald Dahl and will be basing much of our writing around his works.

We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling)) skills through the use of Writing LEAPs. We will begin this term by learning how to use apostrophes correctly to mark possession

In reading, we will begin the term working on our inference skills- using what we know and what we can infer from the text to help us understand what we are reading more clearly. We will also be continuing to use VIPERS to help support us with our comprehension skills.



## Maths

This term, the children in Alder will be continuing our work on multiplication and division, looking at area for the first time and also beginning a unit on fractions within maths. We will begin the half term by looking at the formal written methods of multiplication and division so that we are able to solve two-step problems in contexts. We will then be using our multiplication knowledge to help us to find the area of rectilinear shapes

As times tables form an important basis for many areas of the mathematics curriculum, we will be doing lots of practise on them. 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

Cm

Mm

M

Km

cm<sup>2</sup>

Multiply

Product

Divide

Divisible by

Length

Width

Area

Perimeter

## Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing our reading reward system. Everyone in the class should be striving to 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 at the start of each week, with different activities to help them learn new spelling patterns and rules. Please practise these as often as possible, as well as different words with the same spelling pattern.

## PE

Our PE days will be Mondays and Fridays.

Our physical activities will be shared over Class Dojo and will include a range of ideas and take on a variety of forms that will require none or very little equipment.

Please encourage your child to fully participate in these sessions as physical exercise has a number of benefits, including: improving concentration and learning; strengthening bones and muscles; improving health and fitness; improving sleep; helping to maintain a healthy weight; developing coordination and building confidence.

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

Mrs Ralph and Mrs  
Eden-Smith

