

The Glapton Academy

Year 4 Alder Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - 2021



Topic

This half term, we will be learning about the topic 'Our changing World'. This is a geography based topic that explores the changes that the landscapes undergoes. We will be learning about coastal processes and how the coastline is subject to different types of erosion.

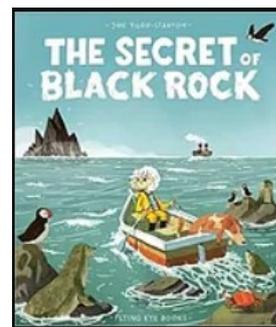
Humans also have an impact on our world. We will be looking at how human activity has changed the landscape over the years by building, farming and mining.

We will study these areas using maps, globes and grid references.



Book Recommendation— The Secret of Black Rock

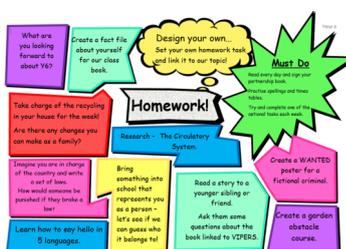
This is a richly illustrated story from the much-loved Joe Todd-Stanton. Erin is the daughter of a fisherwoman. Despite living in a fishing town, Erin is not allowed out to sea herself because of the legend of the Black Rock, which casts a mysterious shadow over the town. Determined to discover its secrets for herself, Erin stows away and soon finds herself exploring the rich ecosystem it harbours and desperately seeking a way to protect the Black Rock from impending destruction.



Homework

A homework menu will be provided each half term which can found on our class page. 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

In English, we are going to begin by learning how to write a diary entry during our home learning. A diary entry is a personal record of your day. To achieve this, we will learn about:

- How diaries are written in first person.
- The structure of a diary entry including greetings and dates.
- Writing in chronological order.
- Informal writing
- Using fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases.

Upon our return to school, we will be writing a persuasive advert. To do this, we will be learning about:

- Persuasive techniques
- Varying the length of sentences.
- The structure of a persuasive text.

Towards the end of the half term, we will be looking at free verse poetry. We will be recapping poetic devices such as similes, metaphors and personification.

Maths

You have all worked incredibly hard in your Maths lessons during home learning. This half term, we will be continuing our learning with fractions. We will look at:

- Equivalent and simplifying fractions.
- Adding fractions together.
- Subtracting fractions.
- Compare fractions with decimals up to two places.
- Discuss the equivalent percentages.
- Use fractions, decimals and percentages to solve problems.

We will continue to work on our times tables. Please log in to Times Table Rock Stars to practise your multiplication.



Maths Vocabulary

Equivalent
Percentages
Decimal place
Decimal point
Fraction
Whole
Simplify
%
Equal parts
Fraction Wall
Divide by
Multiply by

Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting 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

Spelling will now be given every week on Friday. They will also be tested on the Friday.

We will have specific sounds and spelling rules to learn.

PE

Our PE days will be **Monday and Friday**.

Children must wear school PE kit which consists of a plain white top, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/ gym shoes.



Spring Two Dates for your Diary

St David's Day Collective Worship – 1 st March

Reading Challenge Day – 4 th March

Children Return Date (TBC) – 8 th March

STEM Week – 8 th March

St Patrick's Day Collective Worship – 17th March

RE Focus days – Christianity / The Easter Story - 31st March/1st April

Thursday April 1st – 3.15pm – finish for Easter break

We are looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

*Mrs Eden-Smith
and Mrs Ralph*