



The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Cherry Newsletter

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Tomb Raiders!

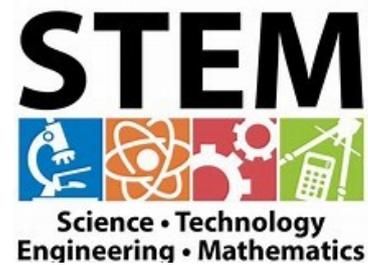
This term, we will become archaeologists and discover all about the civilization of Ancient Egypt. We will be discovering all about this fascinating group of people and by using primary and secondary sources such as artefacts, hieroglyphics, and tomb paintings.

We will be placing all of this information on a timeline and embedding our knowledge of BC and AD time to see when all of these events took place in history.

We will be learning all about Ancient Egyptian practices such as how they took care of their dead, where they believed they went after death and who was the most important Egyptian in the land. In addition, we will discover how archaeologists became tomb raiders to enable us to learn more about this group of people. We will be specifically looking at the archaeologist Howard Carter.

STEM week

We will be celebrating the National week of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We will be undertaking an exciting Design and Technology project during the week, starting with research, a design brief and the creation of a final product. We will be basing our project on our new school build and we will be helping the builders with their project. We can't wait to see what the children will design and produce!



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.

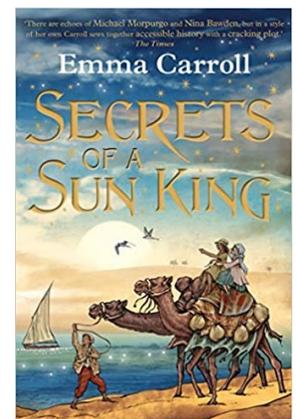
In addition to this, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



English

Our class novel for this half term is *Secrets of Sun King* by Emma Carroll. It is the story about a young girl called Lilian Kaye who is shocked to find a parcel on her grandad's doorstep from a famous Egyptologist. The trouble is, he was found dead that morning! This mysterious package holds the key to learning about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey to return the package to break the pharaoh's curse...

We will be writing narrative poetry using lots of figurative language, a diary from the perspective of the archaeologist Howard Carter and an explanation text about pulleys which we will be making during STEM week.



Maths

This half term, we will be continuing to learn about fractions. We will also be building our knowledge from Year 4 about decimals and percentages.

In fractions, we will be adding and subtracting fractions with the same and different denominators, multiplying fractions with the use of diagrams to support us, finding fractions of numbers, quantities and measures and finally using all our knowledge to solve fraction problems.

When learning about decimals, we will be writing decimals as fractions, comparing and ordering decimals up to 3 decimal places, double and half decimals, round decimals to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place.

We will understand what the symbol % means and write percentages as fractions. We will then solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents.

Please continue to practice TT Rockstars at home!



Maths Vocabulary

Decimal
Percentage
Thousandths
Hundredths
Tenths
Round
Nearest tenth
Per cent %
Denominator

Fraction
Numerator
Denominator
Mixed Number
Improper fraction
Multiple
Equivalent

Partnership Books

We will be continuing 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 days will be on a **Thursday** 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.

We will also be doing the Daily Mile every week.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts (inside)
Plain black joggers (outside)
Trainers (outside)
Plimsolls/ bare foot (inside)

Dates for your diary

1st March—St David's Day

4th March—Reading Challenge Day

8th March—STEM week

17th March—St Patrick's Day

19th March—Mother's Day

31st March/1st April—RE Focus Days—Christianity and Easter

1st April—Finish for Easter break

We are looking forward to working with you and your child again this term.

Mrs Quigg and Miss Devi