

The Glapton Academy

Year 3 Sycamore Newsletter

Spring Term



Remarkable Rivers

Our topic for Spring 2 is Remarkable Rivers! We will be learning all about our local river The River Trent. Did you know the River Trent begins in Biddulph Moor in Staffordshire and ends in the Humber Estuary? We will be looking at the features of a river and how they are formed.

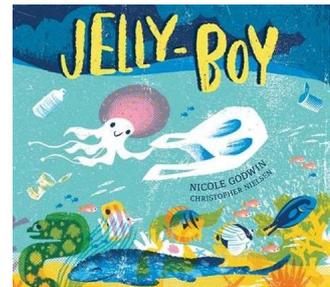
We will be looking at physical and locational geography by looking at where rivers are on a map and looking at



the process of the Water Cycle. We will be following the journey of water as it evaporates, then condenses and precipitates.

Book recommendation – Jelly-Boy by Nicole Godwin

What happens when a jellyfish falls in love with a plastic bag she mistakes for a jelly-boy? He is big and strong, and so very brave, but hides a dangerous truth. Will their love endure, or will she learn the dangerous truth?



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.

Homework!

- Create a poster to help stop water pollution in rivers.
- Locate and compare the longest rivers in the United Kingdom.
- Design your own... Set your own homework task and link it to our topic!
- Must Do: Read every day and sign your partnership book. Practice spelling and river tables. Try and complete one of the optional tasks each week.
- Find out how a river gets from its source to the sea. Make a poster to show how it changes with drawings.
- Create a rap, song or poem about the Water Cycle.
- Take a walk along the River Trent. What can you see?
- Create a quiz for your family about famous Rivers and the countries they flow through.
- With your family, think of as many songs as you can with "river" in them. Write a list of the songs and artist and pick which is your favourite and why.
- Find out about 3 of the world's largest rivers.
- Draw a diagram to show how waterfalls are made.
- Create a fact file about the River Trent. Includes:
 - Name
 - Length
 - Depth
 - Source
 - Mouth
 Towns and cities it passes through.

English

This half term we will be focusing on poetry, descriptive writing and explanation texts.

The poetry we will be doing will be kenning poems that use two descriptive words instead of one word e.g. lake filler or meander maker instead of river.

We will be writing a setting description of a river scene from our book River Story by Meredith Hooper. We will be thinking carefully about our sentences and different word classes e.g. adjectives, nouns, verbs. We will be using our imagination to explore the senses around our setting.

We will also be focusing on our handwriting and presentation. We are writing in cursive script using handwriting books and forming our letters correctly. We are already seeing some fantastic presentation from Year 3!

Maths

In Maths this term, we will be focusing on length and perimeter and fractions.

We will begin by measuring length and perimeter of shapes and objects before going on to working out equivalent lengths.

We will then go on to recognising fractions. This will include recognising them in questions, finding fractions of shapes and number.

We will also be looking at equivalent fractions, ordering fractions and adding and subtracting fractions using unit and non-unit fractions.

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

All TT Rockstar logins can be found inside the front cover of your child's partnership book.

Maths Vocabulary

Centimetre

Meter

Millimetre

Perimeter

Length

Unit fractions

Non-unit fractions

Numerator

Denominator

Whole

Half

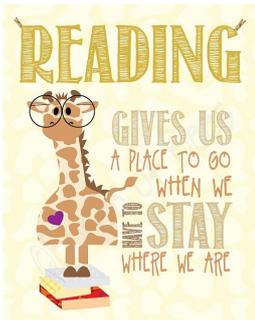
Quarter

Equivalent

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 you.

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

St David's Day Collective Worship – 1st March

Reading Challenge Day – 4th March

Children Return Date – 8th March

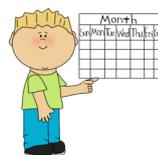
STEM Week – 8th March

St Patrick's Day Collective Worship – 17th March

Mother's Day Collective Worship - 19th March

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

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



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

Miss Brockie