

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 2 Chestnut Newsletter

### Spring Term 2021



#### Topic

Our topic this half term is Geography based and called 'Lost!'. This topic covers lots of geographical fieldwork skills such as using compasses, atlases and a range of maps. We will also look at locational knowledge and will learn about the countries, capital cities and surrounding seas of the United Kingdom alongside the world's continents and oceans.

#### Book Recommendation

"Dream Weaver" by Claire Freedman.

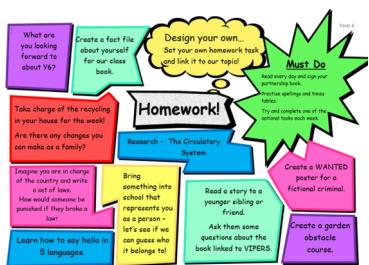


The Dreamweaver is a magical fairy-like creature whose night time task is to ensure little ones heads are full of good dreams just before they drift off to sleep. Follow her as she finds young animals all snuggling down to bed and searches land, sky and sea for a perfect mix of dreams to match the wishes of each little sleepy head.

#### Remote Learning

Make sure you log onto Class Dojo everyday to access all the home learning. Read a book every day too and video some of it so I can hear!

This half term's homework mat will also be uploaded to the Class Story for some fun extra activities.



#### English

This half term, our writing will be based on the book "Pirates love Underpants" by Claire Freedman. Over the six weeks, we will write a setting description and retell the story with your own versions of the ending!

We will start by recapping some writing skills we already know such as expanded noun phrases and then looking closely at the features of setting descriptions and how to write descriptive sentences.

We will be covering how to form simple sentences and ensuring our writing always makes sense. As we learn the story off by heart, there will be many drama and vocabulary lessons to support this.

In VIPERS we will be starting a new book: "Jack's Fantastic Voyage" by Michael Foreman.

## Maths

This half term we will be continuing our learning on the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and then learning about measure: length and height in cm and m.

When you are back in school, we will then be recapping multiplication and division to ensure everyone is confident in these areas. We practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and learn methods to calculate multiplication and division questions. Can you remember how to draw arrays and use sharing stars?

Please also encourage your child/ren to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support us with our big push on times-tables. The best way to remember them is practice, practice, practice!



## Partnership Books

Don't forget our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. Each class are '**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.

## PE

This half term our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. This half term we are learning gymnastics and ball skills. Make sure you are wearing suitable clothes, just like how you would wear your PE kit at school. Don't forget to move any earrings!

### **PE kit:**

T-shirt, shorts or joggers

4.3.21 - Reading Challenge Day

8.3.21-12.3.21 - STEM Week

31.3.21-1.4.21 - RE Challenge Days

## Diary Dates

## Maths Vocabulary

multiplication  
multiply  
lots of  
division  
divide  
share  
equal  
array  
2D  
3D  
vertices  
measure  
length  
height  
centimetres  
metres

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

*Miss Watts*