



The Glapton Academy

Year 1 Willow Newsletter

Spring Term 2



Castles, Knights and Dragons

This half term, we are going back in time again, this time to medieval times and we will be exploring castles, people that live in castles and how to become a knight.

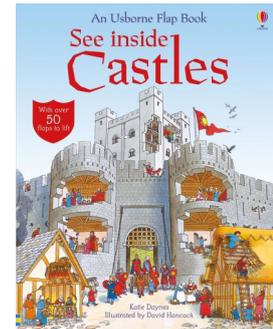
We will be labelling and learning about all the different parts of a castle and exploring what castle life was like.

It's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week this half term and we will be investigating sliders and pivots linked to our fairytale Rapunzel.

Have a look through the knowledge organiser for this half term as these are the key areas of learning.

Book recommendation

We would recommend:



- See inside castles.
- Fairytale Castles
- Rapunzel
- The Egg

Home Learning

A big thank you for all of your hard work at home. We will be doing some more live sessions on Teams. These will be added to the weekly timetable. I will be reading a story and having a catch up with your learning. We will add a kahoot quiz too.

English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the story Rapunzel and other fairy tales.

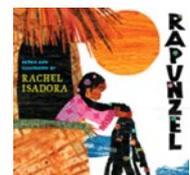
We will also be exploring the Rapunzel story from a different culture too.

We will be sequencing and looking for common language within fairy tales.

Reading

In reading, we will be continuing to make predictions, ask questions and explore new vocabulary.

We will then apply this vocabulary to our own writing.



Maths

It is important that we know all of our numbers to 100 before the end of the year so please keep counting and exploring the patterns between the numbers.

Keep counting in 10s and extend this by counting to 100.

Pick two numbers and keep counting between them forwards and backwards.

Other things you can do at home.

- Counting steps on different journeys in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- How many times can you catch a ball? Again count in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Cutting fruit with an adult into half and quarters.
- Look at numbers in the real world. Why are they important?
- Get to know your left, right, forward and back.

Other Top Tips

Have breaks away from the computer.

Read, Read and Read some more. This is the area that can help your children become independent learners. It will open up the world to them and provide them with much better learning opportunities. I know it can be hard but the rewards for persevering are huge.

If you are going to watch any shows then watch some David Attenborough programmes or Maddie Moate who investigates how things work.

Phonics

Keep working on the phonics mats we send out everyday.

We put sound buttons under the words to show digraphs and trigraphs then use robot arms to help sound out the words to help read them.

Dates for your diary

- 4th March—Reading challenge day
- W/C 8th March—STEM week
- 14th March—Mother's Day
- 17th March—St Patrick's Day
- 19th March—Red Nose Day
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Maths Vocabulary

100

Number

Numeral

Place Value

Partition

Representing



PE

Our PE days will be **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** this half term.

We will be doing some Gymnastics and Game related activities.

Remember while you are at home then please ensure you have a safe space to do it in.

Try and have some active time everyday. It really helps mental health and wellbeing.

We are really looking forward to getting all the children back to school. Thank you again for all your hard work.

Mr Payne &
Mr Fletcher