

The Glapton Academy

Year 4 Rowan Newsletter

Summer Term 2 – 2021



Topic

This half term, our topic is 'Where the Wild Things Are'. We will be focusing on Science and will be learning all about living things and their habitats.

We will learn about the different groups of animals (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish) and learn to classify them using a classification key.

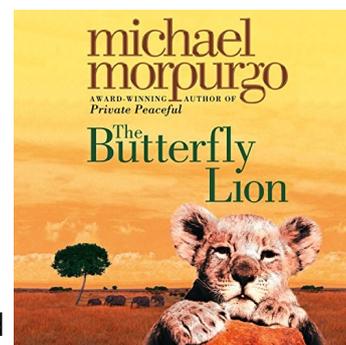
We will also look at the different habitats animals live in and investigate how they change throughout the year.

In addition to this, we will learn all about what different animals eat. We will look at carnivores, herbivores and omnivores then create our own food chains which will show producers, consumers, predators and prey.

Book Recommendation -

The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

This book tells the story of a young boy who rescues an orphaned white *lion* cub from the African bush. They remain inseparable until Bertie has to go away to boarding school and the *lion* is sold to a circus.

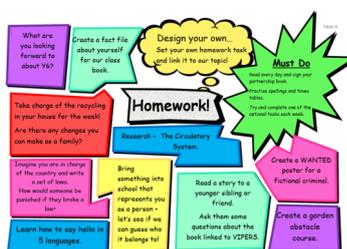


Homework

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 this half term, we will be starting off with a formal letter. This will be linked to our class reader 'The Animals of Farthing Wood' by Colin Dann. We will be writing to complain about the destruction of animal homes in the forest. To do this, we will be working on writing sentences in the present perfect form and investigating the standard English for verbs.

Following that, we will be writing a balanced argument. To do this, we will learn to use connectives to show the relationship between ideas and sentences. We will also continue our work on paragraphs to make sure we can use paragraphs to organise our ideas.

To end the year, we will complete a narrative unit where we will write our own story. We will learn how to accurately punctuate dialogue within a text and will develop our use of interesting vocabulary to keep the reader interested.

Maths

This half term, we will be looking at; Geometry (Shape and Position and Direction), Time and Money. We will also develop our statistics skills through our topic lessons.

In Geometry, we will learn to identify and compare angles, recognise and describe a wide range of 2D shapes and identify lines of symmetry within shapes. We will work on drawing shapes on a grid then moving them and describing that movement.

In our Time unit, we will learn to tell the time to the nearest minute on analogue and digital clocks. We will also learn to tell the time on a 24 hour clock and use the terms 'am' and 'pm' correctly. Time is always a good thing to practise at home as its something everyone uses on a daily basis! During our Money unit, we will learn to convert pounds to pence, order amounts, add and subtract with money and give change.

We will continue to work hard on our times tables and will be completing the Year 4 multiplication check at the start of this half term. Please log in to Times Table Rock Stars to practise your multiplication as often as possible. This really does make a big difference to so many other areas of Maths!



Maths Vocabulary

Angle

Right

Obtuse

Acute

Symmetry

Minute

Hour

Second

Analogue

Digital

Pounds

Pence

Partnership Books

This term 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

New spellings will be given every Friday. They will be tested the following Friday.

We will have specific sounds and spelling rules to learn.

Please try to practise your spelling as much as possible throughout the week.

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.



Dates for your Diary

We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term now that things are starting to get back to normal a little bit. Here are some of the things you can look forward to.

07.06.21 - Whole school election campaign week

22.06.21- KS2 Sports Day afternoon

30.06.21- Pupil elections

02.07.21- Enterprise challenge day

12.07.21- Children's topic week

One last half-term to go. Let's make it the best one!

Mr Phillips