



The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Hazel Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2021

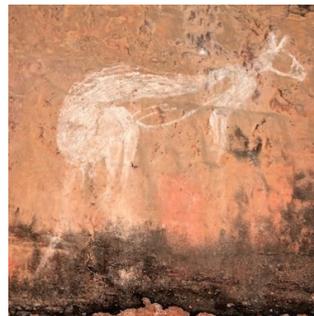


Adventure to Australia!

This half-term we will be travelling to the other side of the Earth to Australia with its sprawling red deserts, sparkling modern cities, tropical rainforests teeming with exotic life and snow-capped mountain ranges.

We will be learning all about its locational and place knowledge and its human and physical geography. Do you know where Australia is located and what its environment is like?

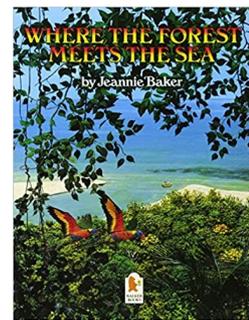
Have you ever been to Australia?
You will imagine that you are a tourist exploring this fascinating country! I wonder what you will find...



Book recommendation

Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker

When a young boy visits a tropical rain forest, he pretends it is a long time ago and that extinct and rare animals live in the forest and aboriginal children play there. But how much longer will the rainforest remain, he wonders?



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.

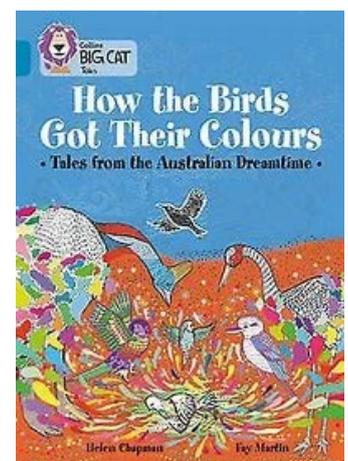


English

This term we will be studying a variety of traditional tales such as How the Birds Got Their Colours and How the Kangaroo Lost its Tail. We will be studying the morals in these stories and then adapting one to make our own narrative.

We will be writing a non-chronological report about life cycles and a persuasive leaflet about Australia.

Our writing LEAPS that we will focus on are modal verbs, adverbs to indicate degrees of possibility, organisational and presentational devices, suffixes



Maths

This half term, we will be learning about properties of shape, position and direction, converting units, area and perimeter, and volume.

In properties of shape, we will learn about different polygons and rectangles and their angles, including finding missing lengths. We will know the difference between acute, obtuse and reflex angles and be able to identify their angles. We will also be identifying 3D shapes from 2D representations.

During position and direction, we will be able to reflect and translate shapes in a grid.

We will be able to convert between metric and imperial measures and use all four operations to solve problems, including converting between different units of time.

Following on from our learning about area and perimeter in Year 4, we will measure and calculate the perimeter and area of shapes using the correct unit of measure.

We will also be learning to estimate volume and capacity and use all four operations to solve problems involving measure using decimal notation.

Please continue to practice TT Rockstars at home!



Maths Vocabulary

Protractor, reflex, congruent, octahedron, regular polygon, irregular polygon, rectangle, angle, cubes, cuboids, degrees, angle

Axis of symmetry, reflective symmetry, translation, x-axis, y-axis, axis, quadrant, coordinate

Square metre (m²), square millimetre (mm²)

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 **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 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

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
23.07.21 - Last day of term for the children

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

Miss Cartwright