

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 6 Elm Newsletter

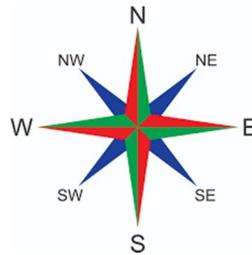
### Summer Term 2 - 2021



#### Topic

This half term we are going to add to our Geography skills by learning how to navigate using a compass. During our Geography lessons we are going to:

- Recap the purpose and use of a compass
- Use the 8 points of a compass to read and follow directions on a map
- Use 6 figure grid references, symbols and a key on ordnance survey maps
- Use a scale to reasonably estimate distances
- Plan a route using all of the above Geographical skills and knowledge

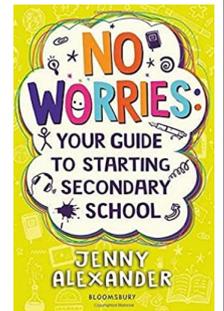


We hope that these lessons may encourage the children to take part in The Duke of Edinburgh Award once they turn 14 years old.

#### Book recommendation

Starting secondary school is a bit like going on a safari it's a great adventure but sometimes, before you go, you can get a touch of the 'what ifs'. You may be feeling anxious or stressed about leaving primary school.

With practical hints and tips, jokes and quizzes for finding your way around, making new friends, social media and staying on top of homework. This is the essential no-worries guide to starting secondary school.



#### 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.



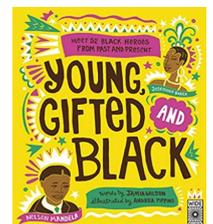
#### English

This half term we will be writing an explanation text based on our magical, mythical creature.

We will be following the writing process by first looking at a variety of explanation texts, discussing the purpose of these texts and identifying both the grammatical and structural features.

We will then be focussing on our GPS skills, looking at using apostrophes for possession, the use and impact of technical vocabulary and the formality of explanation texts.

In reading, we will be using the book 'Young, Black and Gifted'. During our VIPERS lessons we will be finding and explaining the meaning of words in a context and drawing inferences such as feelings, thoughts and motives from actions and words.



## Maths

This half term we will be studying ratio of amounts. We will be learning about the relationship between two values and will be able to describe how one is related to another. We will start by making comparisons between two different quantities and then move onto solving more challenging problems by calculating ratio.

We will be learning to use the colon notation as the ratio symbol and will be drawing bar models to represent problems and labelling the information to calculate.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum.

Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.



## Maths Vocabulary

- Ratio
- Proportion
- For every...there are...
- Part
- Whole
- Scale factor
- Enlarged
- Length
- Width
- Perimeter
- Symbol
- Notation

## Partnership Books

This half term will be the children's final opportunity to become reading rocketeers and achieve over 200 reads this year!

The children are encouraged to read at home every day and to share a comment in their partnership books.

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 a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name.

Earrings must be removed for this day.

### **PE kit consists of:**

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Trainers (outside)

## Dates for your diary

07.06.21 - Whole school election campaign week

22.06.21- KS2 Sports Day afternoon

23.06.21 – 30.06.21 - Y6 Bike-ability

30.06.21- Pupil elections

12.07.21- Children's topic week

21.07.21 - Y6 Leavers Virtual Assembly

23.07.21-Last day of term for the children

I look forward to working you during the final half term of your child's Primary Education.

*Miss Edwards*