



The Glapton Academy

F2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2021



Topic

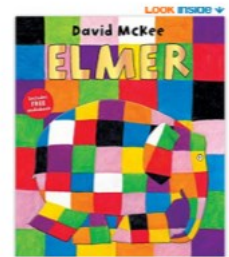
Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me'. This will be a chance to get to talk about ourselves, get to know each other, explore our likes and dislikes and celebrate our similarities and differences. We will also talk about our families and the people who are special to us, as well as investigating how we have changed since we were born.

We will also get to know our school and will have the opportunity to meet and interview key members of staff as well as having a school tours and the opportunity to create our own maps of our new environment.

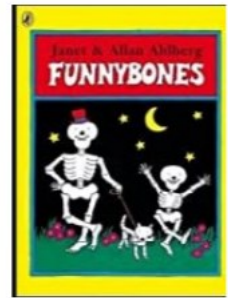
Finally, we will spend some time talking about our birthdays and will host our own little celebration in our classroom.

Book Recommendation

Elmer
By David McKee



Funnybones
By Ahlberg



Homework

A homework menu will be provided each half term which can be 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.

Choose a book that is special to you and share it with a younger sibling or a friend. See if they enjoy the story as much as you do.	Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.	Set your own homework task linked to our History Topic - Crime and Punishment.	I must try to... - Read every day and have my partnership book signed. - Practise my spellings and times tables. - Try and complete one of the optional tasks each week.
Take charge of the recycling in your house for the week! Are there any changes you can make as a family?	Homework Mat		Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.	Imagine you are in charge of the country and write a set of laws. How would someone be punished if they broke a law?	Bring something into school that represents you as a person - let's see if we can guess who it belongs to!	Set yourself three life skills challenges for this half term. Eg learn basic first aid, how to safely make a hot drink, learn your parents phone numbers.
Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.	Research our first Science Topic - The Circulatory System.		

English

In English this half term, we will be exploring the story 'Elmer' and will learn about why being different is a positive thing. We will learn to listen to a story carefully and answer simple questions about what we have heard. We will work hard to retell the story in our own words and sequence the main events.

On their journey to learning how to write, children will be investigating initial sounds of words and practise the segmenting and blending of simple CVC words. We will also be practising letter formation as we learn the phonemes.

In addition to this, we will be practising writing our first names then surnames using the cursive script throughout this half term.

In reading, children will be learning to recognise phonemes and blending them together to read simple words. We will also begin to learn some common exception words which don't follow phonetic patterns.

Throughout the term, we will be working hard to promote a love of reading for all children. We will share a book daily and will be looking at the features of a book, including; front covers, authors, illustrators, characters and sequence of events.

Maths

Following the Elmer theme, this half term will be learning all about patterns. We will be looking at patterns in our environment, making our own patterns and completing repeating patterns. Children will look at simple patterns involving colour, shape, pictures and even numbers. Children will have the opportunity to use a wide range of resources in the classroom environment to explore continuing and creating their own patterns in their play.

Following on from this, we will start looking at number. Focusing on the facts of number 0,1 and 2. We will be unpicking how the number is made ($1+1=2$, $0+2=2$, $2+0=2$) and rehearsing number facts. In addition to this, we will be counting objects and looking at numbers in our environment as well as encouraging children to write their numbers using the correct number formation.

Maths Vocabulary

- Patterns
- Repeating pattern
- Shape
- Number
- Number formation
- Digit
- Counting
- Zero
- One
- Two
- More
- Less

Partnership Books

In school, we have an exciting reading reward system called 'Reading Rocketeers' where children should be aiming to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. Children are encouraged to read at home every day. Please record a note in their partnership book every time they read at home.

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!



Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Raincoats and wellies if it's wet and hats and sun cream applied on hot days.

PE

Our PE days will be **Tuesday and Thursday.**

Children must wear school PE kit which consists of a plain white top, black shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers/gym shoes. Please encourage your child to practise getting changed independently at home so that they are able to do this on their own at school. We will of course help with tricky buttons and laces.



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 and your child can look forward to.

Tuesday 14th September—EYFS Parents drop in

Wednesday 22nd September—Wellbeing Challenge Day

Tuesday 12th October—Outdoor Classroom Challenge Day

We look forward to working with you this year,

*Mrs Eden-Smith,
Mrs Fletcher and
Mr Weeks*

