



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Autumn Term 1 - 2021



#### Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'The Great Outdoors'.

We will have a Science and Geography theme running throughout this topic. In Geography, we will be focusing on our local area. We will learn about the human and physical features of our local area and compare them to another part of the World. We will also be observing what is near and far in our local area. We will also be using locational and directional language to describe features on a map.

In Science, we will be learning all about the human body, including body parts and our senses. We will be labelling the human body, including our own! We will also be learning the 5 senses and which body parts are associated with those senses.



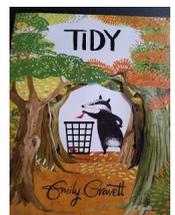
#### Book recommendation

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

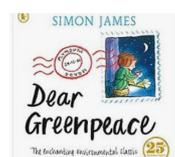
There's a tiger in the garden by Lizzy Stewart



Tidy by Emily Gravett



Dear Greenpeace by Simon James



#### 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.

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.	Get your homework task added to our history topic 'Crime and Punishment'.	I want try to... Read every day and have my learning time spent Practising spelling and fluency. Try and complete one of the 'Secret' tasks each week!
This change of the month in your house for the week. Are there any things you can complete a task?	Homework Mat	Bring something new about that represents you to the class. It can be a picture, a toy, a new item, or something you have made!	Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.	Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.	Homework and First Science Topic: The Christmas topic.	Get yourself three 'I can' challenges for this half term. It's time to try and see how to do it! Make a list of what you can do, learn your parents' phone numbers.

#### English

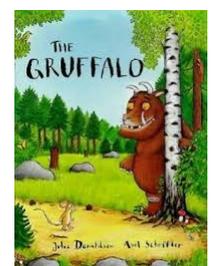
Our focus book for our 'Great Outdoors' topic will be The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson.

We will be writing labels and captions for the characters in the story. We will also have a focus on sentence structure where children will gain understanding of what a noun, adjective and verb is and where it is placed in a sentence. They will also be reminded of using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops in all sentences.

We will then write a character description about one of the characters from The Gruffalo.

We will be practising our cursive handwriting and keeping all letters sitting on the line.

In reading, we will be reading back through our work to check it makes sense, ask questions about a story and begin to identify key features of a fiction book.



## Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on Place Value and Number up to 10 and 20.

We will be reading, writing and counting the numbers up to 10 and 20 both forwards and backwards. We will use number lines, objects and pictures to help us do this.

We will be saying what is one more and one less than a given number up to 10 and 20 and comparing numbers using greater than, less than and equals to.

### **Other things you can do at home.**

- Counting steps on different journeys. How high can you count?
- How many times can you catch a ball?
- Write numbers forwards and backwards– you could use chalk outside or use toys to help you.
- Get to know your left, right, forward and back.



## Maths Vocabulary

- forwards
- backwards
- numeral
- number
- More than
- Less than
- Equals to
- fewer
- most
- least
- representation
- One more
- One less

## Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting our reading reward system. 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!



## Phonics

In Phonics this half term, the children will be assessed on what they already know so that they can be grouped accordingly. Children will be focusing on Phase 2 and 3 so that they can blend sounds in unfamiliar words.

## PE

Our PE days will be a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 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)

Plimsolls (inside)

## Dates for your diary

16.09.21– Parents Spelling Session 2.30pm with Mrs Ralph

20.09.21 and 21.09.21 Parents evening

22.09.21-SCARF Challenge Day

28.09.21-Parents Calculations Session 2.30pm with Miss Shenton

01.10.21 –Harvest Festival Celebrations

05.10.21– Parents Phonics Session 2.30pm with Mrs Eden-Smith

We look forward to working you and your child this half term.

*Miss Johnson  
and Mr Payne*