



The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Newsletter

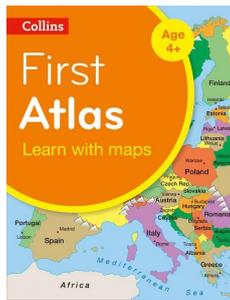
Autumn Term 1 - 2021



Topic

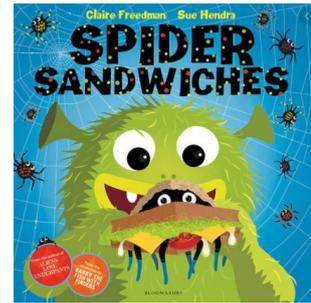
This half term our topic is called 'Lost!' where we'll be focussing on Geography. We'll learn what maps and atlases are and how to use them. We will recap the compass directions and use them to give directions and describe locations and routes on a map. We will also take a look at what human and physical geography is and learn to identify human and physical features of different places.

In Science we'll discover habitats and micro-habitats and learn about animals basic needs to be able to survive.



Book recommendation

"Spider Sandwiches" by Claire Freedman.



From fish-eye cheese and big burgers to snail trail sauce and cockroach chowder, Max the monster will feast on anything that is crawly, creepy, hairy, and sticky. But his favourite snack has to be... spider sandwiches!

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.

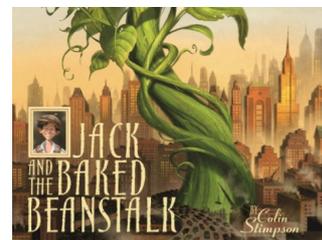
<p>Choose a book that is special to you, read it over with a younger sibling or a friend, see if they enjoy the story as much as you do!</p>	<p>Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.</p>	<p>Get your own homework task added to our History topic - Crime and Punishment.</p>	<p>I want try to... Read every day and have my gardening book signed. Practising spelling and handwriting. Try and complete one of the reward tasks each week.</p>
<p>This change of the month in your house for the week. Are there any changes you can make in a week?</p>	<p>Homework Mat</p> <p>Changes you are in charge of this month's set of tasks. How would you be punished if they weren't done?</p>	<p>Bring something new about your progress in the garden to a special set of tasks. How would you be punished if they weren't done?</p>	<p>Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.</p>
<p>Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.</p>	<p>Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.</p>	<p>Homework our first Science topic - The Chronology System.</p>	<p>Get yourself three big ideas challenge for this half term. It's been here first so how to do it? Make a list of tasks. Save your parents phone numbers.</p>

English

This half term, our writing will be based on the book "Pirates love Underpants" by Claire Freedman. Over the six weeks, we will write a character description and retell the story.

We will start by recapping what a sentence is and what must be included to create simple sentences. We will then learn some new writing skills such as expanded noun phrases and then looking closely at the features of character descriptions and narratives.

In VIPERS we will be reading the book "Jack and the Baked Beanstalk" by Colin Stimpson.



Maths

Our first unit of maths this year is place value. We'll be learning how to recognise and represent two digit numbers in a variety of ways. We'll be comparing numbers using the symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$. After this we will be adding and subtracting to and from 100 using concrete resources, pictorial methods and written methods.

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.

The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership and Homework books.



Maths Vocabulary

- place value
- tens
- ones
- digit
- partition
- represent
- estimate
- compare
- order
- addition
- subtraction
- commutative
- inverse

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!



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 **Monday** and **Wednesday** 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

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

Miss Gibbons and Mrs Husbands.