

The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2021

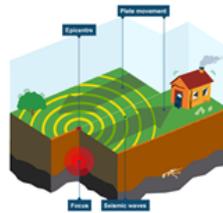


Topic

This half term we will be covering a broad range of subjects from the Year 5 curriculum. Our focus will be on Geography and our 'Extraordinary Earth.' We will be learning all about the physical geography of the Earth and exploring the different mountain ranges across the globe. We will be identifying what mountains are, where they are located and how they are formed.

Another natural phenomenon that we will learn about is earthquakes. We will be exploring why they occur and thinking about what it is like to experience one.

As part of our topic, we will also be carrying out fieldwork, using compasses and improving our map reading skills.



Book recommendation

Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay

This is the breath-taking story of how two very different yet equally determined men battled frost-biting temperatures, tumbling ice rocks, powerful winds and death-defying ridges to climb the world's highest mountain. Join these two unlikely heroes on their adventures and discover the impact of hundreds of men and women that helped Hillary and Tenzing achieve their goal.



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

<p>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.</p>	<p>Create a fact file about your class book.</p>	<p>Get your own homework book linked to our Primary Topic - Other and Past/Recent.</p>	<p>I must try to... Read every day and use my partnership book signed. Practice my spelling and noun tables. Try and complete one of the agreed tasks each week.</p>
<p>Take charge of the recycling in your house for the week. Are there any changes you can make as a family?</p>	<p>Engage you are in charge of the change of the shape of the set of sea. How would events be punished if they broke a law?</p>	<p>Bring something into school that represents you as a person - it's not if we can give who is letting out.</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>Research our first Science Topic - The Circulatory System.</p>	<p>Get yourself into the life skills challenge for this half term. Eg. learn basic first aid, how to safely make a hot drink, learn your parents' phone numbers.</p>

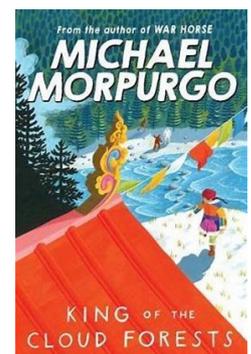
English

Our class novel for this half term is King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo. We will be writing a setting description describing the location of a key event in our novel. We will be focussing on using a range of noun, adjectives, verbs and adverbs to improve our descriptions. We will also be looking at using expanded noun phrases to effectively describe the setting for our reader. We will then be writing a non-chronological report building cohesion within and across paragraphs and learning how to use organisational devices to structure the text.

Finally, we will be writing a diary entry from the point of view of the main character in the novel focusing on using a wider range of sentence starters.

As we write, we will edit and improve our writing through peer and self assessment.

Keep updated on the website to see some of the super pieces of work that the children produce.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing build on our knowledge and understanding of place value. We will be learning how to recognise the value of digits in up to 6 figure numbers. This will also include: comparing and ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and counting forwards and backwards in negative numbers.

We will also be practising our writing methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include: adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4-digits, investigating factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

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

- Digit
- Numeral
- Partition
- Integer
- Add/Subtract
- Estimate
- Inverse
- Rounding
- Factors
- Multiples
- Prime Number
- Square Numbers
- Cube Numbers

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 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

14.10.21– Hazel Class assembly.

25.11.21—Cherry Class assembly

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

Miss Cartwright and Miss Shah.