



The Glapton Academy

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - 2021



Topic

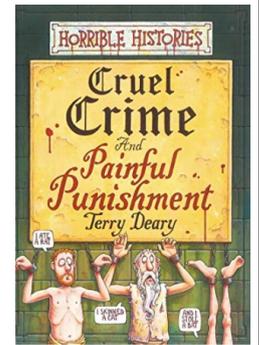
This half term we will be delving into the history of the British justice system. Together, we will embark on a journey through British history and discover how crime and punishment has changed throughout the ages. Beginning with the rotten Romans and traveling right through to the present day, we will discover how changes in society created changes in the kind of crimes that are committed, as well as the ways in which they are punished.

Within this topic, we will be developing our chronological knowledge, identifying changes and justifying why these may have occurred and explaining why some people and changes have been interpreted in different ways and suggesting possible reasons for how and why. This term, we will have the opportunity to explore law-related objects and artefacts, experience the hard labour tasks of a Victorian prison and even take part in a courtroom workshop!



Book recommendation

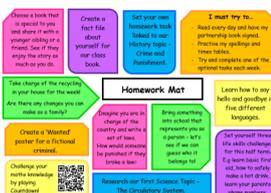
History with the nasty bits left in! 'Cruel Crime and Painful Punishment' is crammed full of 7,000 years of law-makers and law-breakers with a rogue's gallery of pirates, witch-finders, highwaymen, torturers, traitors and tyrants. Find out the truth about brutal school beatings, test your local policeman, and see if you can escape beheading in the terrible Tower of London game. History has never been so horrible!



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.

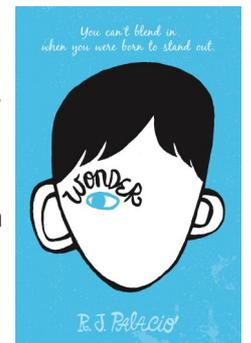


English

In English this term, we will be reading the novel 'Wonder' by R J Palacio. We will begin by recapping sentence structures and word class, focussing particularly on accurate use and effect. We will then go on to study discussion texts and recounts. We will explore a variety of these texts and analyse them in detail in order to support our own compositions.

We will also be working hard to improve our GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) skills this term. We will be learning how to adapt our writing for different readers by altering our use of vocabulary and developing our sentence length and complexity.

In reading, we will be working on our skimming, scanning and text marking skills in order to locate and retrieve information and evidence within a text, as well as explaining the reasons a writer has set out a text in a particular way and explaining the effect this has on the reader.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Within our place value unit, we will be learning to recognise and understand the place value of each digit in numbers up to 10 million, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths. As well as this, we will learn to reason about the location of any number up to 10 million, including decimal fractions; understand the relationship between powers of 10 from 1 hundredth to 10 million; and round any number to a required degree of accuracy. Within our four operations unit, we will be practising the formal methods of each operation including appropriate regrouping and involving decimal numbers throughout. We will also be using BIDMAS to help us solve calculations involving multiple operations, as well as solving multistep problems within contexts.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an essential foundation for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this.



Maths Vocabulary

- Ten million
- Hundredths
- Thousandths
- Decimal point
- Place holder
- Digit total
- Integer
- Round
- Negative number
- Regroup
- Ascending/
Descending
- Additive
- Multiplicative

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 **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this half term.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed on these days.

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 evenings
- 22.09.21—SCARF Challenge Day
- 28.09.21—Parents Calculations Session 2.30pm with Miss Shenton
- 30.09.21—Elm Class Assembly at 2.30pm
- 01.10.21—Harvest Festival Celebrations
- 07.10.21—Birch Class Assembly at 2.30pm

We are all looking forward to working with you and your children.

We are sure it is going to be a fantastic year!

*Miss Shenton,
Mrs Ralph and
Mrs Warman*