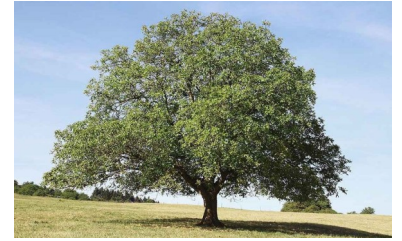




The Glapton Academy

Larch and Walnut Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2021

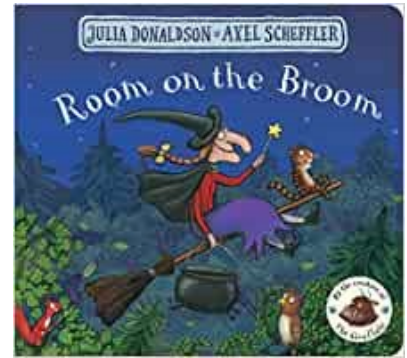


Topic

This half term we are going to be learning about celebrations. We will talk about occasions which we celebrate and how we celebrate them. Then we will explore St Andrew's Day, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will learn why people celebrate these occasions and look at the different ways in which they are celebrated.

We will also be learning all about Autumn and exploring changes which occur during this time. We will be going on an Autumn walk in our local environment to discover the changes for ourselves and to hopefully collect some leaves, acorns, pine cones and conkers to bring back to our classroom to use in our play.

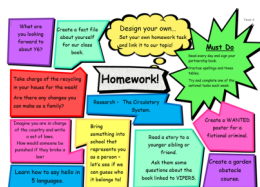
Book recommendations



Homework

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



English

This half term, we will be working hard to apply our phonics knowledge from last half term to write labels and lists writing the phonemes we can hear in words. We will write a shopping list for a celebration, write labels for Autumn pictures and of course write a list for Santa.

We will be getting to know the story 'One Snowy Night' by Christina Butler very well and will create our own story maps and mountains before retelling the story as a class.

We will continue to work hard on segmenting and blending in all of our Phonics lessons and will be sharing a book daily, answering questions and talking about the book we have listened to.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring the numerals 4 and 5. We will learn to recognise and write the numerals, order numbers up to 5 and count out up to 5 objects from a group. We will explore how to make 4 and 5 in different ways using part whole models. E.g. Knowing that 5 can be made up of $0 + 5$, $1 + 4$ or $2 + 3$. We will begin to represent this knowledge in number sentences using the correct symbols.

We will also learn about shapes with 4 and 5 sides. We will learn to name squares, rectangles, kites and pentagons and will be able to discuss their properties.

In addition to this, we will be exploring size, length, weight and capacity and will be doing lots of practical activities to apply our knowledge from these lessons and to allow us to use a wide range of vocabulary linked to these concepts.

Maths Vocabulary

- Numeral
- Length
- Short
- Long
- Tall
- Weight
- Heavy
- Light
- Capacity
- Empty
- Full
- Half empty
- Half full

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing 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!



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. This half term, we will more than likely need rain-coats and wellies as well as cosy coats, hats, scarves and gloves as the weather gets colder.

PE

Our PE days will be a **Monday (Walnut)** and **Tuesday (Larch)** 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/joggers
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

- 17.11.21—Kindness Day
- 10.12.21—EYFS Nativity
- 15.12.21—Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 16.12.21—Christmas Party

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

Mrs Eden-Smith

Mrs Fletcher

Mr Weeks