



The Glapton Academy

Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2021



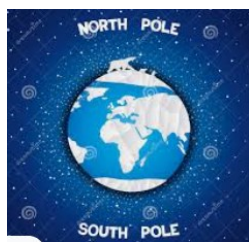
Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Arctic Adventures'.

We will have a Science and Geography theme running throughout this topic.

In Geography, we will be learning about the hot and cold areas of the World. We will learn about the North Pole and South Pole and which animals live there.

In Science, we will be learning all about animals. We will be classifying animals according to their characteristics. We will also be learning about the animal groups reptiles, mammals, fish, birds and amphibians.



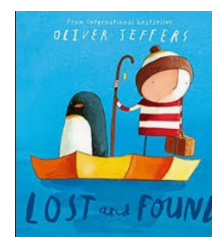
Book recommendation

Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers

Polar Animal non-fiction books

Planet Earth on BBC

Andy's Wild Workouts on CBeebies



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 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 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 punctuation book signed. Practising spelling and these skills. Try and complete one of the reward tasks each week.</p>
<p>Think about the geography in your house for the week. Are there any things you can compare a house?</p>	<p>Homework Mat</p>	<p>Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.</p>	<p>Get yourself three extra challenges for this half term. Can you name five different animals that live in the Arctic? Can you name five different animals that live in the Antarctic?</p>
<p>Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional animal.</p>	<p>Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.</p>	<p>Homework and First Science Topic - The Christmas System.</p>	

English

Our focus book for our 'Arctic Adventures' topic will be Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers.

We will be writing some shape poems to start the half term, we will practise using a capital letter to start each line.

We will be writing a setting description about the Arctic, we will be writing short sentences to form a narrative and using adjectives to describe the location.

Finally, we will be writing a non-chronological report about a Polar animal where we will be writing questions and joining words within a sentence using 'and'.

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

We will also be putting finger spaces between words and ending our sentences with a full stop.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be finishing off Place Value to 20 and then moving onto the place value of numbers up to 50 and 100.

We will be reading, writing and counting the numbers up to 20, 50 and 100 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 20, 50 and 100 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.

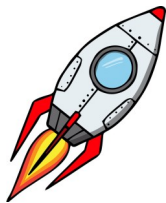


Maths Vocabulary

- 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 have been grouped so will continue to focus on Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonemes and di-graphs. We will have a big focus on blending these in real and alien 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

10.11.21– Parent drop in

12.11.21– Children in Need

15.11.21-19.11.21– Anti-Bullying Week

19.11.21– School Photos

2.12.21– Flu Immunisations

8.12.21– KS1 Nativity

15.12.21– Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

16.12.21– Christmas Parties

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

*Miss Johnson
and Mr Payne*