



The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2021



Topic

This half term our topic is a history focus called ‘Vile Victorians’.

The children will explore a range of Victorian artefacts, learn about how life was different in the Victorian era such as homes, food, schools and toys and also learn about Queen Victoria’s life.

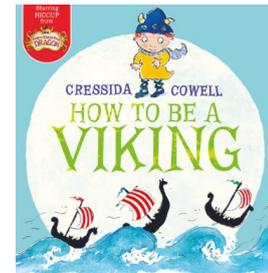
To support this learning, we will take part in a Victorian Day at school so keep your eyes and ears peeled for more information on this. Alongside our history topic, Year 2 will have a small food tech project; designing and making bread and butter pudding.

In Science we’ll discover the importance of exercise, hygiene and eating the right amounts of different foods.



Book recommendation

“How to be a Viking” by Cressida Cowell.

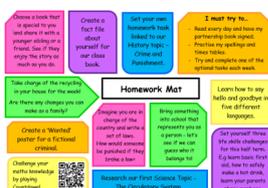


So begins Cressida Cowell’s stories about a little Viking who cannot fit in. Unlike his dad, Stoick the Vast, Hiccup is tiny, thoughtful and polite and scared of almost everything – especially of going to sea for the very first time. But go he must... So who will save the day when everything goes wrong aboard ship and all the big Vikings lose their cool?

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.

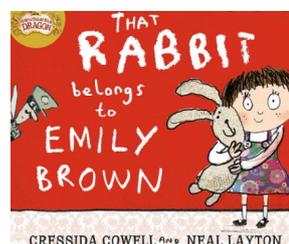


English

This half term, our writing will be based on the learning that will take place about the Victorians. Over the six weeks, we will write a recount, a set of instructions and a setting description.

We will start by recapping simple sentences and then use this to create compound sentences. We will then learn some new writing skills such writing in the present tense, commands, adverbs and commas to list items.

In VIPERS we will be reading the book “That Rabbit Belongs to Emily Brown” by Cressida Cowell.



Maths

Our first will start off by continuing our learning on addition and subtraction using concrete resources, pictorial methods and written methods. We will then move onto to money. The children will learn the different coins and notes, add money together to create the same amounts in different ways and use their knowledge of subtraction to calculate change.

After this, Year 2 will begin their learning of multiplying and dividing by 2, 5 and 10. This will start by recapping counting forwards and backwards in these amounts.

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.



Maths Vocabulary

- addition
- subtraction
- amount
- change
- pence
- pounds
- multiply
- divide
- groups of
- sharing

Partnership Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this in their partnership books. The children love their 'Reading Rocketeers' challenge and the aim is to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. 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

05.11.21 - Diwali focus
10.11.21 - Whole school drop in session 9am-10am
12.11.21 - Children In Need
15.11.21 - Anti-bullying and Behaviour Week
17.11.21 - PSHE/SCARF Kindness Challenge Day
08.12.21 - KS1 Nativity
15.12.21 - Christmas lunch and jumper day
16.12.21 - Class Christmas parties

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

*Miss Gibbons and
Mrs Husbands.*