



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Spring Term 1 - 2022



#### Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'The Old Toy Box'.

We will have a History, Design and Technology and Science theme running throughout this topic.

In History, we will be learning about toys from the past, what they were made from and comparing them to modern toys. We will be sorting old toys and new toys and sequencing toys from past to present.

In Science, we will be learning all about everyday materials. We will be sorting and classifying materials based on their properties as well as identifying materials in different objects.



In Design and Technology we will be planning, making and evaluating our own toys.



#### Book recommendation

Lost in a toy museum by David Lucas

Traction Man by Mini Grey



Old Bear by Jane Hissey



Dogger by Shirley Hughes

Toys around the World by Joanne Brundle

#### Homework

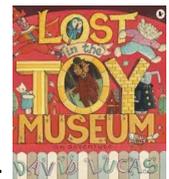
All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always be a reconsolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

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><b>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!</b></p>	<p><b>Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.</b></p>	<p><b>Get your homework task added to our History topic 'Crime and Punishment'.</b></p>	<p><b>I want try to... Read every day and have my gardening book signed. Practising spelling and handwriting. Try and complete one of the 'Secret' tasks each week.</b></p>
<p><b>Think about the events in your house for the week. Are there any things you can complete a task?</b></p>	<p><b>Homework Mat</b></p>	<p><b>Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.</b></p>	<p><b>Bring something from school that represents you to share with your class. It can be anything you like, but it must be something you are proud of.</b></p>
<p><b>Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.</b></p>	<p><b>Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.</b></p>	<p><b>Homework our first Science topic - The Christmas System.</b></p>	<p><b>Get yourself three 'Big Brain' challenges for this half term. It's been here first so how to do it? Make a list of 10. Save your parents' phone numbers.</b></p>

#### English

Our focus book for our 'The Old Toy Box' topic will be Lost in a Toy Museum by David Lucas



We will be writing a recount in the form of a diary entry.

We will be imagining that we are a toy in the museum.

We will be writing a narrative in the first person retelling our experience with toy artefacts.

Finally, we will be writing instructions on how to make a sock puppet.

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 practising addition and subtraction within 10 and 20.

We will be using pictures and objects to support us in solving addition and subtraction problems.

We will also be writing mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=).

### **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

- Addition
- Add
- Total
- Altogether
- More
- Subtraction
- Equals
- Is the same as
- Number bonds
- Missing number

## 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 and 5 phonemes and digraphs. 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

17/01/22– Tu B'Shevat

24/01/22 & 25/01/22– Parents' Evening

01/02/22– Chinese New Year

07/02/22- 16 Day Book comes home

10/02/22– Thank you club

11/02/22– Last Day of Half Term

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

*Miss Johnson  
and Mr Payne*