



The Glapton Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

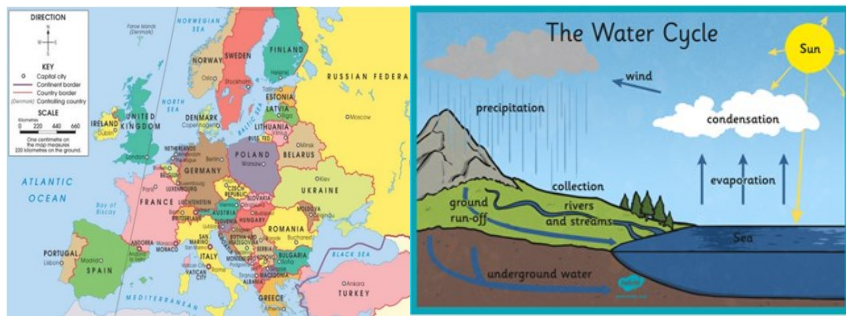
Spring Term 1 - 2022



Topic

Our topic this half term is European Rivers.

As geographers, we will be developing our locational knowledge and as well as our geographical skills, both in the classroom and through fieldwork. We will be learning about human and physical geography in different geographical regions. We will be locating different European countries and their capital cities; naming and locating cities in the United Kingdom; looking at human and physical geography (including the water cycle) and using maps, atlases and globes to describe features of different countries.

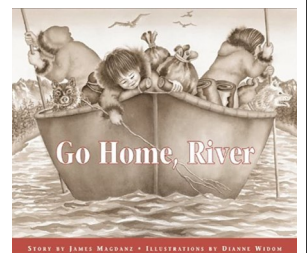


Book recommendation

As our topic this half term is European Rivers, we recommend that the children read the book 'Go Home River' by James Magdanz.

The book tells the story of a young boy who is eager to learn about his family and so he takes a boat out on the river to follow them.

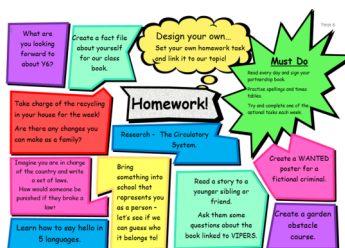
On his journey, we learn of how different bodies of water are connected and the importance of lakes, rivers and oceans.



Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will either be an opportunity for children to ask questions about their learning, or a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school. We will also provide a homework menu, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills.

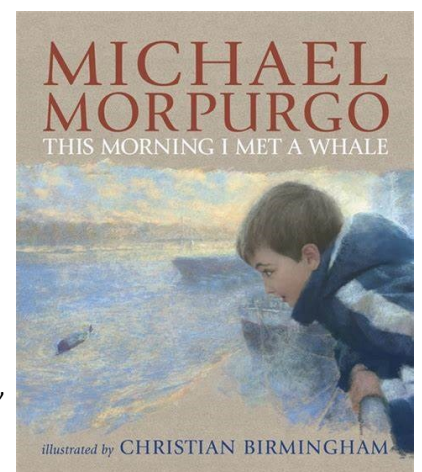
Children can choose as many additional homework tasks as they like to fit in with their schedules at home.



English

In terms of our reading this half term, we will be continuing to develop our skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising, with a particular focus on explanation and summarising. We will do this through our VIPERS sessions, where children are given a chance to explore and analyse different texts.

In English, we will be working towards producing a piece of syllabic poetry, a setting description and a persuasive appeal, all of which will be inspired by the book 'This Morning I met a whale' by Michael Morpurgo.



Maths

In Maths this half term, children will be continuing to develop their understanding of multiplication and division, as well as exploring money and statistics. We will be looking at solving multiplication and division problems, as well as using mental maths and formal written methods, encouraging children to be flexible and open to new methods. We will be adding and subtracting amounts of money (£ and p) to give change; and interpreting data using bar charts, pictograms and tables.

We will 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 Times Tables Rock Stars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.

The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership books.



Maths Vocabulary

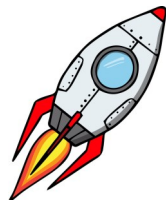
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Bar chart
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Carroll diagram
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Library

Our library day is Thursday. Please bring books so we can change them.

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing to use 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 each time. 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

PE

Our PE days will be a **Wednesday and Friday** 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
Plimsolls (inside)
Plain black joggers and top (outdoors/winter)

Dates for your diary

24th January– Parents/Carers Evening

25th January– Parents/Carers Evening

11th February break up for half term holiday

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children this half term.

*Miss Croft and
Miss Butler*