

The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 1- 2021



Tomb Raiders!

This term, we will become archaeologists and discover all about the civilization of Ancient Egypt. We will be discovering all about this fascinating group of people by using primary and secondary sources such as real life artefacts , hieroglyphics, and tomb paintings.

We will be placing all of this information on a timeline and embedding our knowledge of BC and AD time to see when all of these events took place in history.

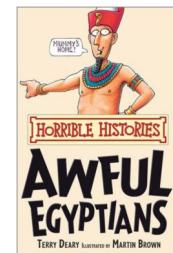
We will be learning all about Ancient Egyptian practices such as how they took care of their dead, where they believed they went after death and who was the most important Egyptian in the land. In addition, we will discover how archaeologists became tomb raiders to enable us to learn more about this group of people. We will be specifically looking at the archaeologist Howard Carter.

Book recommendation

Awful Egyptians by Terry Deary.

Step back to an awfully ancient time when pharaohs were foul, servants suffered and everyone believed in an awesome afterlife.

Discover the dire details of mummy-making, the truth about Tutankhamun and his creepy curse and find out why people worshipped a dung beetle. This book presents the history with the nasty bits left in!

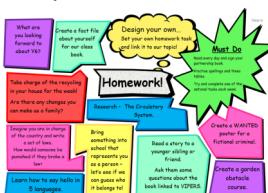


Homework

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.

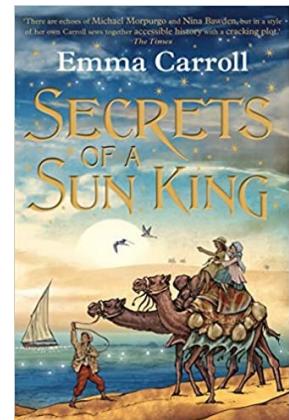
In addition to this, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



English

Our class novel for this half term is *Secrets of Sun King* by Emma Carroll. It is the story about a young girl called Lilian Kaye who is shocked to find a parcel on her grandad's doorstep from a famous Egyptologist. The trouble is, he was found dead that morning! This mysterious package holds the key to learning about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey to return the package to break the pharaoh's curse...

We will be writing a newspaper report about a strange discovery that will change a family's life forever. We will also be writing narrative poetry and a short narrative based around our theme of Ancient Egypt.



Maths

This half term, we will be continuing to learn about multiplication and division. We will also be building our knowledge from Year 4 about perimeter and area and fractions.

In multiplication and division we will be recapping how to multiply two and three digit numbers by a one digit number.

We will then move on to learn how to multiply four digit numbers by one digit numbers. This will help us as we learn how to multiply 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers using a formal written method. For division, we will be dividing up for four-digit numbers by one and learning how to interpret remainders.

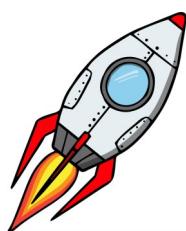
In Perimeter and Area we will be recapping how to calculate these and to compare area and perimeters of shapes. For fractions, we will be learning how to read, write, order and compare fractions. In Year 5 we will be looking how to do this with fractions with different denominators.

Please continue to practice TT Rockstars at home!



Partnership Books

We will be continuing our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. 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!



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**.

Dates for your diary

24th January– Parents/Carers Evening

25th January– Parents/Carers Evening

11th February break up for half term holiday

Maths Vocabulary

Multiplication
Division
Remainder
Formal Method
Long Multiplication

Area
Perimeter
Covers
Square centimetre (cm^2)
Square metre (m^2)
Square millimetres (mm^2)

Fraction
Numerator
Denominator
Mixed Number
Improper fraction
Multiple
Equivalent

PE

Our PE days will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** this half term, however your child's PE kit must be in school every day as this can change. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name.

We will also be doing the Daily Mile every week.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts (inside)
Plain black joggers (outside)
Trainers (outside)
Plimsolls/ bare foot (inside)

We are looking forward to working with you and your child again this term.

Miss Cartwright and Miss Shah