

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 4 Newsletter

### Spring Term 2021



#### Topic

This term, our topic will be 1066. We will learn about the events of 1066 and why they remain significant today. We will look at the three main rivals to the throne and discuss important events such as the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings.

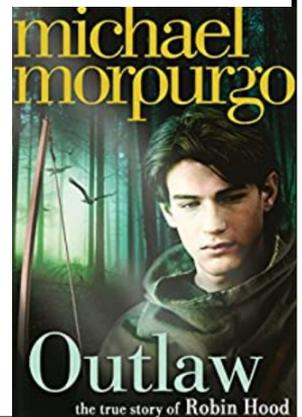
We will examine the Bayeux Tapestry, a unique embroidered cloth created in the 11th century.

Pupils will look at some of the key things that Normans brought to England and develop their understanding of the Feudal system.



#### Book Recommendation— Outlaw.

After a fierce storm, a boy discovers a human skull, buried beneath the roots of an ancient tree. A skull with a legendary story...



#### 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

We will focus on three text types this half term. Firstly, we will be looking at creating our own character descriptions. We plan to use various language features such as expanded noun phrases, similes and metaphors to develop and enhance our writing. Pupils will also focus on varying the length of our sentences to create pace in writing.

We will then move on to writing a play script. Children will explore complex and compound sentences whilst securing the use of different verb tenses.

At the end of the half term, we will be combining our knowledge to write a diary entry. We will use fronted adverbials to indicate time, place and manner. Children will use paragraphs to clearly organise their ideas around a theme. We will also use interesting verbs and adverbs to create different effects.

## Maths

We will begin our term by continuing with our topic of multiplication and division. We work towards securing our times tables facts and focus on the inverse of all calculations. We will focus on applying the skills learnt to a variety of problem solving scenarios.

We will then move on to looking at the area of various shapes. This will be a shorter subject but will be valuable as the children will repeatedly apply their multiplication skills.

Children will consolidate their understanding of fractions by looking at the meaning of fractions and recapping unit and non unit fractions. Pupils will move on to counting in tenths and exploring equivalent fractions.



## Maths Vocabulary

Times by  
Divide by  
Grouping  
Sharing  
Ones  
Tens  
Hundreds  
Multiples  
Inverse  
Calculation  
Area  
Unit and Non Unit

## Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting 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**.

## PE

Our PE days will be **Tuesday and Thursday** 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. Earrings must be removed for these days.

### **PE kit consists of:**

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Plimsolls (inside)

Plain black joggers and top (outdoors/winter)

## Diary Dates

Rowan Class Assembly—20th January

Parent/Carer Evenings 24th & 25th January

16 Day Book - 31st January (Goes home 7th Feb)

Alder Class Assembly—3rd February

11th February break up for half term holiday

Let's have a great half term together!

Mr Phillips and Miss Malhotra