

The Glapton Academy

F1 Saplings Class Newsletter

Spring 2 2022



Topic

Welcome back we hope you had a lovely break!



Our topic this half term is 'Amazing Animals'. The children will be investigating a variety of different animals and their characteristics, as well finding out about the different habitats in which they may be found -this

will include in zoos, farms, in the wild on the African plains or jungle or wild animals that we might hear and see everyday in the environment in which we live. We will also consider whether some animals might be found in more than one place.

The children will be encouraged to think about how we should care for and ensure that animals can live safely in their respective environments .

Towards the latter part of the half term the children will be investigating the lifecycles of both a frog and a butterfly. Finally, we will be finding out about the Easter story and its significance, making Easter cards and crafts along with some Easter baking.



Literacy/Communication and Language

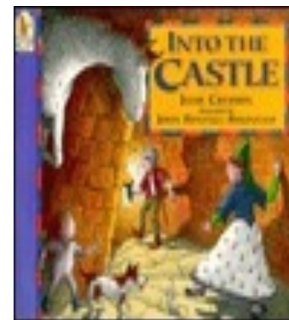
This half term the stories the children will be listening and joining in with will include Cheer Up Chicken, Old MacDonald, Rumble in the Jungle, The Disgusting Sandwich as well as a selection of factual non-fiction texts.

In phonics will be focussing on rhythm ,rhyme and alliteration. The children will be encouraged to listen and recognise words with the same initial sound, as well as being asked to identify and suggest different rhymes. We will be investigating the number of syllables in words and clapping out different word rhythms.



Busy buzzing, the bee behaved beautifully.

Book recommendation



Have you heard there is a monster in the dungeon of the castle?

This is a great book for children to practice and to join in with some rhyming words as the characters go on a walk around the castle.

As the characters climb down the curved staircase can you guess who is sitting in the shadows so still.....

Be careful you might just jump!

A Polite Reminder

We love the children to be healthy and keep hydrated in Saplings Class.

May we please remind you that in accordance with our school policy, if children wish to bring a drink to school in addition to the milk that they are offered then please may they bring a **bottle of water** only rather than squash or cordial.

This is in line with all other classes in school.

Thank you for your support.

Maths



In maths this half term the children will continue to practice their counting, and number recognition— up to and including the number ten, through our continuous provision activities and songs and rhymes.

When counting objects, the children will be encouraged to point to one object at a time as they count saying one number for each item.

The children will be investigating groups of objects, saying when there are more or less and comparing amounts.

The children will also be developing their skill of subitising. The children will be asked to look at one, two or three objects and say how many there are without counting the objects.

Maths Vocabulary

- more
- less
- order
- lots
- some
- none
- same
- one
- two
- three
- four
- five
- six
- seven
- eight
- nine
- ten

Reading Records .



A polite reminder.! **Please return your child's reading records to us in Saplings class every Friday!** We do hope you enjoy listening to your child reciting their weekly rhymes to you! Please read each week's rhyme daily with your child encouraging them to hear and say any rhyming words, as well as listening for and saying some sounds in words. Please also use the reading record booklets to let us know about any other books your that child has read, or any activities that they have taken part in and enjoyed so that we can encourage them to interact and share their experiences with everyone in Saplings Class. By encouraging the children to talk to adults and peers about their own experiences we aim to promote and develop each child's confidence and self esteem. Thank you.

School Uniform

School Uniform Accessories.

May we please remind you that hair accessories, socks and tights should be black, grey, white or red only. Also nail varnish is not permitted along with jewellery other than plain or stud earrings, watches are only allowed when your child can tell the time. Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary

21.02.22—INSET Day

16.03.22—STEM Challenge Day

18.03.22—Red Nose Day

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We look forward to working with the children this half term.

Mrs Smith and the Nursery team.