



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1 Newsletter

### Spring Term 2 - 2022



#### Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Once Upon a Castle'.

This half term, we are going back in time again, this time to medieval times and we will be exploring castles, people that live in castles and how to become a knight.

We will be labelling and learning about all the different parts of a castle and exploring what castle life was like.



It's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week this half term and we will be designing and creating sliders and pivots linked to our fairy tale Rapunzel.

Have a look through the knowledge organiser for this half term as shows the key areas of learning.

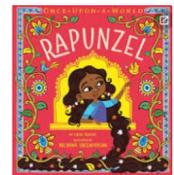


#### Book recommendation

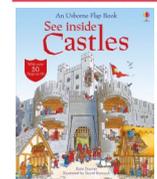
Rapunzel– traditional fairy tale



Rapunzel Once upon a World



See inside Castles



The Egg



Zog by Julia Donaldson



#### 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>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.</p>	<p>Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.</p>	<p>Get your homework task added to our history topic - Crime and Punishment.</p>	<p>I want try to... Read every day and have my gardening book signed. Practising spelling and handwriting. Try and complete one of the reward tasks each week.</p>
<p>Think about the rewards in your house for the week. Are there any things you can complete a challenge?</p>	<p>Homework Mat</p>	<p>Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.</p>	<p>Bring something new about your homework to school. It can be a picture, a story, a new idea, or a letter to be published if they liked it.</p>
<p>Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.</p>	<p>Create a 'Wanted poster' for a fictional criminal.</p>	<p>Homeworks and First Science Topic - The Christianity system.</p>	<p>Get yourself three 'Big Book Challenges' for this half term. It's been here for a while, but how to do it is a new book. Save your parents some money!</p>

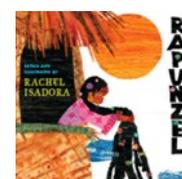
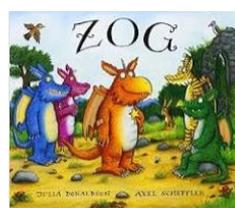
#### English

Our focus book for our topic will be the fairy tale Rapunzel.

We will be writing a Narrative where we retell the story of Rapunzel in our own words.

We will be thinking about the rhyming words used in the story Zog by Julia Donaldson.

Finally, we will be writing a Report. We will write a tourist guide all about Nottingham Castle as we will be visiting the Castle during this half term.



## Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be focusing on Multiplication and Division and Fractions.

We will be counting forwards and backwards in 2s,5s and 10s. We will be using manipulatives to group and share into 2s,5s and 10s.

We will also halving and quartering numbers and shapes.

### **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

- Multiplication
- Division
- Multiply
- Divide
- Share
- Group
- Multiple of
- Half
- Quarter

## 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

Towards the end of last half term we started our new ELS Phonics Scheme. The children are making rapid progress with their reading! Please keep up with reading online using Oxford Owl.

## 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

3rd March– Reading Challenge Day

7th March-11th March– Waste Week

14th March-18th March– STEM Week

16th March– STEM Challenge Day

18th March– Red Nose Day

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

*Miss Johnson  
and Mr Payne*