



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 3 Newsletter

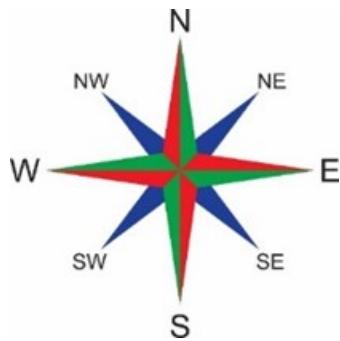
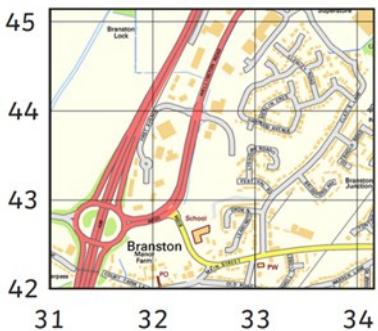
### Spring Term 2 - 2022



#### Topic

Our topic this half term is Out and About.

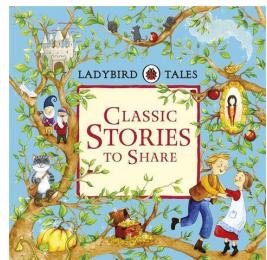
As geographers, we will be further developing our locational knowledge and as well as our geographical skills, both in the classroom and through fieldwork. We will be strengthening our knowledge of human and physical geography in different geographical regions. We will be comparing two different regions in Europe: the South-West of England and Sicily. We will be using maps and grid references to enhance our locational knowledge.



#### Book recommendation

As our focus in English this half term is 'Jack and the Beanstalk', it is recommended that children are familiar with other traditional tales. This way, they can become more familiar with the typical features of the genre, which will strengthen their writing.

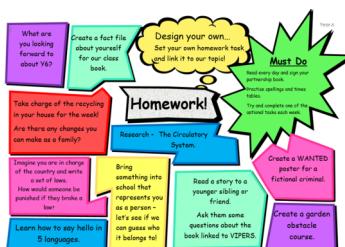
These tales may include, but are not limited to: The Three Little Pigs, The Gingerbread Man, The Tortoise and The Hare, and Goldilocks and The Three Bears.



#### 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.



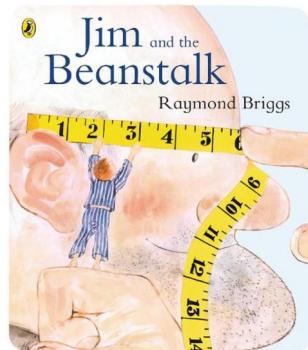
#### English

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 inference and explanation. 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 writing our own traditional tales, as well as creating a play script and an explanation text.

We will be reading Jack and the Beanstalk, as well as Jim and the Beanstalk, by Raymond Briggs—a twist on the traditional tale.

These texts will be used to support children's writing.



## Maths

In Maths this half term, children will be continuing to interpret data using bar charts, pictograms and tables. We will then be looking at measurement: measuring, adding and subtracting, and comparing lengths; and finding the perimeter of simple 2D shapes. We will also be developing our knowledge of fractions : counting up and down in tenths and 0.1; recognising that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10. We will also be learning to recognise and use fractions as numbers.

We are working hard in school with our daily times tables challenge. This is important as times tables 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.



## 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

## Dates for your diary

24th February—Oak Class Assembly

7th March—Sherwood Forest Visit

8th March - Road Safety Quiz

14th –18th March—STEM Week

17th March—Sycamore Class Assembly

18th March—Red Nose Day

1st April—Break up for Easter

## Maths Vocabulary

### Continued

Chart, bar chart, frequency table, Carroll diagram, Venn diagram, axis, axes, diagram

### New

Centimetre (cm)

Millimetre (mm)

Metre (m)

Perimeter

## Library

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

## PE

**Sycamore** PE days are now on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

**Oak** PE days continue to be **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name. Earrings must be removed for this day.

Please make sure PE kit is suitable for outdoor use.

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

Plain white t-shirt

Black shorts

Plimsolls (inside)

Plain black joggers and top (outdoors/winter)

Trainers (outside)

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

*Miss Croft and Miss Butler*