



# The Glapton Academy

## EYFS Walnut and Larch Class

### Newsletter Spring Term 2



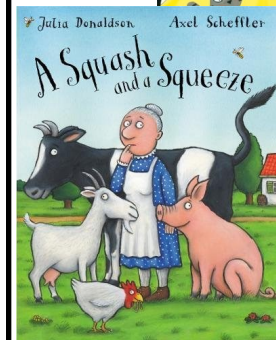
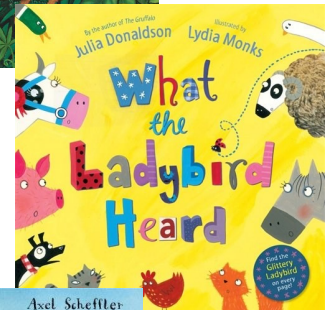
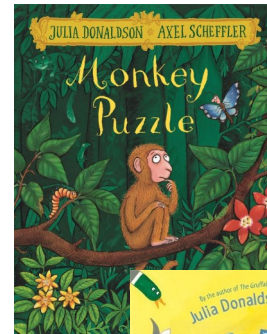
#### All Creatures Great and Small

We will start off this half term by learning about animals living in farms and zoos. We will learn to name a wide range of animals then investigate their similarities and differences before classifying them.

After that, we will learn about the season - spring. We will go for a walk around our school grounds to look for signs of spring and will think about how things are different to winter. We will learn about new life which begins in spring, looking in particular at the life cycles of a butterfly, chick and a plant. We will also be going on a minibeast hunt around the school to investigate which minibeasts live in our playground!

We will end the half term by learning about the Easter story and will discover why Easter is an important celebration for Christians.

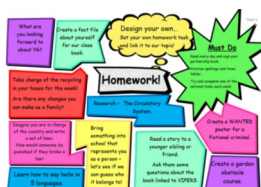
#### Book recommendations



#### Homework

A homework menu will be provided each half term which can be found on our class page of the website. 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 be continuing with our new Phonics scheme this half term and will be applying our knowledge of the new sounds we learn to write words, captions and sentences.

We will be reading lots of lovely books linked to our topic including 'Jasper's Beanstalk', 'The Little Red Hen' and 'The Very Busy Spider' and will learn to retell these stories off by heart.

We will also be continuing to work on listening to stories carefully and working on our VIPERS skills of vocabulary, inferring, predicting, explaining, retrieving and sequencing.



## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring the numerals 8, 9 and 10. We will learn to both recognise and write the numerals and will investigate a range of representations of these numbers. We will practise ordering numbers up to 10 and will be able to count out at least 10 objects from a larger group. We will explore how to make these totals in different ways using tens frames and part whole models.

We will continue to work on our subitising skills and children will be taught to look for smaller groups within a set of objects to help them to subitise larger amounts.

Finally, we will begin to explore 100 squares and start to look for patterns within numbers. E.g. finding all of the numbers ending with 5, looking at odd and even numbers and doubles.

## Maths Vocabulary

Numeral  
number  
eight  
nine  
ten  
part  
whole  
add  
equals  
total



## Harder to Read and Spell Words

In line with our new Phonics scheme, we will now be sending home harder to read and spell words. These will be posted on Class Dojo each week so that you know which words your child will be focussing on within Phonics lessons that week.

Please help your child to practise reading and spelling these regularly.

These words will feature in your child's reading books and being able to read these words will help develop your child's fluency in reading.

## Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather.

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Hopefully, the weather will start to improve this half term but until then please make sure children have waterproof coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellies where appropriate!

## PE

Our PE days will be a **Monday (Walnut)** and **Thursday (Larch)** 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/joggers  
Trainers (outside)  
Plimsolls (inside)

## Dates for your diary

21.02.22—INSET Day  
03.03.22—Reading Challenge Day  
16.03.22—STEM Challenge Day  
18.03.22—Red Nose Day  
31.03.22—Thank You Club

We look forward to working with you this half term!

*Mrs Eden-Smith,  
Mrs Fletcher, Mr  
Weeks*