



The Glapton Academy

Year 1 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - 2022



Topic

This half term, we have a science focus where we will be planting some seeds and watching them grow! We will be labelling the different parts of a tree and naming some common trees.



We will also be learning about Mary Seacole who had an adventurous life travelling across the World helping people in need.

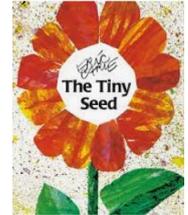


In Art, we will be focusing on the work of Andy Godsworthy and we will recreate some of his art using natural materials.

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

Book recommendation

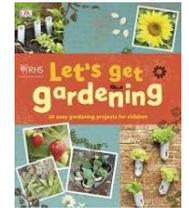
Oliver's Vegetables by Alison Bartlett and Vivian French



How things grow

The tiny seed by Eric Carle

Let's get gardening



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.

Choose a book that is special to you and draw a picture of the story or a scene. Use it to tell the story to your class.	Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.	Get your own homework task added to our history topic - Crime and Punishment.	I want try to... Read every day and have my gardening book signed. Practise my spelling and draw trees. Try and complete one of the reward tasks each week.
Think about the events in your house for the week. Are there any things you can complete a challenge?	Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.	Challenge your writing knowledge by playing Countdown.	Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
Change a 'What's your favourite animal?' card.	Change your name in a set of four. How would someone be pleased if they looked at it?	Bring something from school to show to your class. It can be anything you like.	Get yourself three stickers to use for this half term. It's been a busy first half term so let's see how to do it. Make a list of things you've done. Save your parents some pictures.
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English

Our focus book for our 'Let it Grow!' topic will be Oliver's Vegetables.

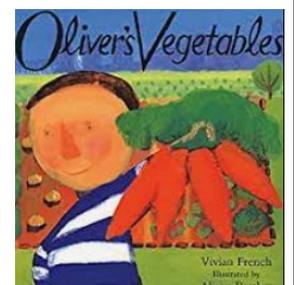
We will be writing an explanation text all about how to grow plants.

We will be writing a biography all about Mary Seacole and her life.

Finally, we will be writing list poems.

We will be practising our handwriting and keeping all letters sitting on the line.

We will also be putting finger spaces between words and ending our sentences with a full stop.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be practising multiplication and division. We will also focus on fractions.

Can you learn how to count in 2s, 5s and 10s?

Can you split shapes into halves and quarters?

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
- Count
- Division
- Share
- Group
- Fractions
- Half
- Quarter
- Equal parts

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

We are continuing with our new ELS Phonics Scheme. We work through this as a whole class and the children are making excellent progress with their recognition and blending.

PE

Our PE days will be a **Monday** and **Tuesday** 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

19/4/22– Return to school

28/4/22– Willow Class Assembly

2/5/22– Bank Holiday (May Day)

5/5/22– Juniper Class Assembly

26/5/22– Thank you Club

27/5/22– Last day of half term

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

*Miss Johnson
and Mr Payne*