



The Glapton Academy

Year 3 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - 2022



Topic

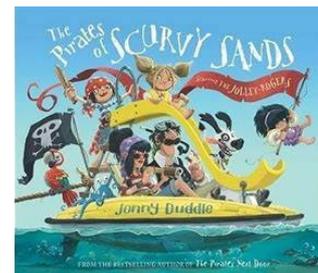
Our topic this half term is 'Making a Splash!'
As artists, we will be making a splash this half term as we are going to be exploring 'The Great Wave', the famous print by Hokusai.



We are going to be studying Hokusai as an artist before experimenting with some of the colours and techniques that he used in his print. We will then be evaluating our own work, assessing the elements that went well and thinking about what could be improved next time.

Book recommendation

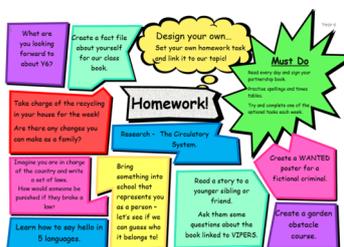
If children wish to read the sequel to our English story, 'Pirates Next Door', they should read 'The Pirates of Scurvy Sands'. This book, much like 'The Pirates Next Door', was written by Jonny Duddle as part of the Jolly-Rogers series. In the series, we follow the Jolly-Roger family as they cause mischief on their many adventures!



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. 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 reading 'The Pirates Next Door' by Jonny Duddle. This story encourages children to celebrate differences, as we all have something wonderful to offer the world!



Maths

In Maths this half term, children will be learning about the following topics: fractions and time. Firstly, our focus will be on fractions. Children will be learning how to recognise and show equivalent fractions; compare and order fractions; reason about the location of fractions within 1; interpret fractions; add and subtract fractions; and find fractions of quantities using division facts. Secondly, we will be learning about telling the time, with a focus on: the number of seconds in a minute, days in a month/year; using correct vocabulary; and estimating and reading time with accuracy.

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.



Maths Vocabulary

Fraction, unit fraction, numerator, denominator

Century, calendar, earliest, latest, a.m., p.m., Roman numerals, 12-hour clock time, 24-hour clock time

Library

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

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

PE

Swimming

Both classes will have swimming on a Thursday so please send your child with their swimming kit.

Oak PE days have changed to Wednesday and Thursday.

Sycamore PE days continue to be Monday and Thursday.

Otherwise, 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
Plimsolls (inside)
Plain black joggers and top (outdoors/winter)
Trainers (outside)

Dates for your diary

2nd May Bank Holiday
26th May Thank You Club
27th May Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday
30th May Half Term week

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

*Miss Croft and
Miss Butler*