



The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - 2022



Topic

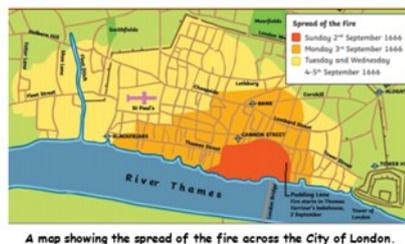
Our topic this half term is history based and is called 'London's Burning'. In this topic, we will be learning all about The Great Fire of London, using sources from the past to answer key questions. We will also be continuing our work on chronology and be making comparisons between life then and now. By the end of our topic we will be able to answer questions such as:

When, where and why did The Great Fire of London start?

Why did the fire spread so quickly?

How did people try to put the fire out?

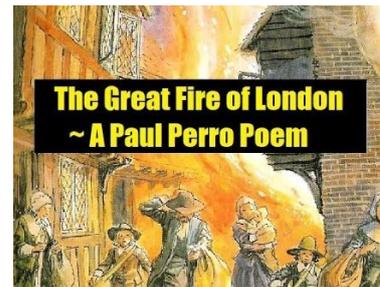
The children will also be taking part in an exciting drama workshop to help develop their knowledge of The Great Fire of London.



Book Recommendation

The Great Fire of London

by Paul Perro



<https://youtu.be/3w8sG42LMpc>

Listen to Paul Perro's poem to be transported back to 1666, where you will learn all about The Great Fire of London through the art of poetry.

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.

Year 2 Homework

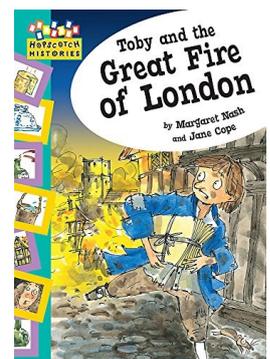
- Write a set of instructions for a family member to follow.
- Design an eye-catching poster for the Great Fire of London.
- Write a letter to persuade Mr. Haver that we should not use a school uniform.
- Read every day and have my partnership book signed. Practice my spelling and trace tables. Try and complete one of the optional tasks each week.
- What 3 things would you save in a fire and why?
- Create a piece of artwork inspired by The Great Fire of London.
- Make a musical instrument from your recycled materials.
- Practice telling the time with an analogue clock.
- Plant a seed and take care of it. What does plant need to grow and flourish?
- Measure 5 objects in your home. Did you use cm or m?
- Find and learn part of a poem by the poet Paul Perro.

English

This half term, our writing will be linked to our topic—London's Burning.

First, we will be writing our own descriptive poems about The Great Fire of London, using lots of expanded noun phrases, powerful vocabulary and adverbs. Then we will be using all the skills we have learnt so far to write our own diaries, practising using a range of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to add extra information to our sentences. Finally, we will be applying our knowledge of The Great Fire of London to persuade King Charles II to change the housing laws to make them safer.

In VIPERS, we will be continuing to practise our comprehension skills by reading a wide range of texts as a class. We will also continue to develop our fluency through daily phonics sessions, as well as developing our retrieval skills in preparation for KS2.



Maths

This half term, Year 2 will be continuing to learn about fractions. We will be finding fractions of amounts, shapes or numbers focusing on the fractions below.

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{4} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$

We will also be counting in fractions and learning about the difference between unit and non unit fractions.

After this we will be moving on to measurement and learning how to measure and compare capacity, mass and temperature. We will also be learning to read the time more accurately using analogue clocks, so make sure to practise this at home too!

Please also encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support us with our big push on times-tables. The best way to remember them is practice, practice, practice!



Maths Vocabulary

- fraction
- half
- third
- quarter
- equal
- mass
- Millilitres (ml)
- Litres (l)
- Grams (g)
- Kilograms (kg)
- capacity
- volume
- temperature
- degrees (°c)

Partnership Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this in their partnership books. They can read a physical book or a book in our Oxford Owl E-library. The children love their 'Reading Rocketeers' challenge and the aim is to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. 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

Depending on the children's phonics group, children will be given spelling words to practice throughout the half term or will be given words to practice each week. These should be practised at home as often as possible.

PE

Chestnut Class will have PE on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**.

Beech Class will have PE on a **Monday** and **Friday**.

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

Plain black tracksuit top
(during cold weather)

Dates for your diary

19/04/22—School reopens

02/05/22 - May Day Bank Holiday

09/05/22— KS1 SATs begin (these will take place across the rest of the half-term so please ensure your child is in school)

27/05/22—Additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee

30/05/22—03/06/22—Half Term Week

06/06/22—School reopens

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

Mrs Husbands, Mrs
Ranjit and Miss
Newbury