

# The Glapton Academy

## Year 6 Newsletter

### Block 6



#### Topic

This half term in Year 6, we are going to be continuing to study our topic: The Amazing Americas!

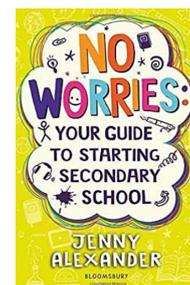
To begin with, we will be finding out about the continents of North and South America and the countries that form them. We will then be looking in more detail at the human and physical features of the Americas with a focus on rivers and volcanoes. We will be locating rivers and volcanoes on a map, discovering their features, learning about how they are formed and discovering how and why they often change over time. Following this, we will be learning more about natural resources and their distribution.



#### Book recommendation

Starting secondary school is a bit like going on a safari it's a great adventure but sometimes, before you go, you can get a touch of the 'what ifs'. You may be feeling anxious or stressed about leaving primary school.

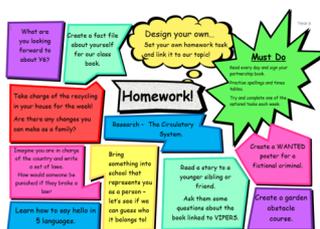
With practical hints and tips, jokes and quizzes for finding your way around, making new friends, social media and staying on top of homework. This is the essential no-worries guide to starting secondary school.



#### Homework

Along with their spellings, all children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Friday. Homework given will always be a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

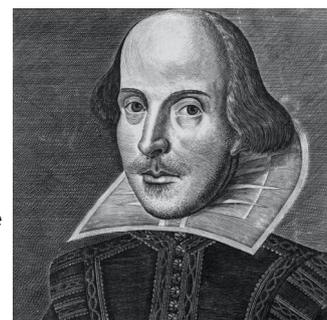
Additionally, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills and the children can complete as many tasks as they like.



#### English

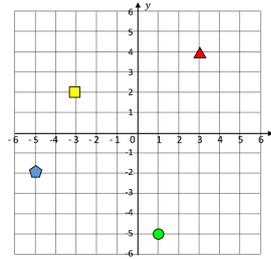
In English this term, we will be studying the works of the famous play write, William Shakespeare, with a particular focus on one of his most famous plays, Macbeth. We will be using the storyline, of the play, to help us to write setting and character descriptions, write newspaper reports and re-write the famous play in modern day English.

Naturally, these units will lend themselves particularly well to help us enhance our acting skills through drama and role play, therefore improving our speaking and listening skills. Our learning of such skills will be showcased during our performances of a couple of scenes from Macbeth, at the Nottingham Playhouse on 30th June. Tickets are free so please come along to see what we have been learning as well as support us with this great experience.

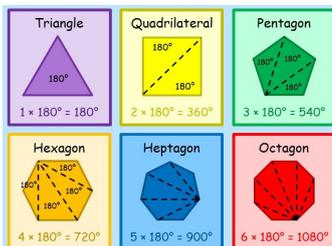


## Maths

This half term in maths, we will begin by studying position and direction in geometry. Within this unit, we will be learning how to describe positions on the full coordinate grid (using all four quadrants). As well as this, we will learn to draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane, and reflect them in the axes.



Following this, we will recap and expand our knowledge of angles. We will draw and measure angles before learning the rules for angles in special quadrilaterals and regular polygons. After this, we will learn to draw, compose, and decompose shapes according to given properties, including dimensions, angles and



area, and solve related problems. We will continue to recap all of our prior learning in maths throughout the term and consolidate our learning through a range of exciting problem solving activities.

## Maths Vocabulary

Origin  
X axis  
Y axis  
Coordinate  
Quadrant  
Acute  
Obtuse  
Reflex  
Interior  
Exterior  
Sum  
Degrees  
Measure

## Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing with our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. 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!



## 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 the following **Friday**.

## PE

Our PE days will be **Mondays and Fridays** 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

10th June	NTU Trip
20th June (am)	KS2 Sports Day— school PE kit required.
21st – 24th June	Bike Ability
30th June	Playhouse Performance
1st July	Enterprise Day
5th July	Parent/Carer drop in session
20th July	Leavers' Assembly
27th July	Children break up .

Miss Shenton,  
Mrs Ralph and  
Mrs Warman