



The Glapton Academy

Year 1 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2022



Topic

This half term, we have a geography focus where we will be learning to identify the United Kingdom on an atlas or World map and then identifying the four countries. We will also be identifying the four capital cities.

We will also be identifying human and physical features of our local area and comparing these to Kenya in Africa.

We will be using maps and keys. We will create a map of our local area and then design a key to identify its key areas.

In Science, we will be identifying the parts of the tree and looking for common trees in our school grounds.

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

Book recommendation

Meerkat Mail by Emily Gravett



The big book of the UK by Imogen Russell Williams



World Atlases and Maps

Follow the Swallow by Julia Donaldson

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.

<p>Choose a book that is special to you and draw a picture of the younger sibling or a friend, and if they enjoy the story as much as you do!</p>	<p>Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.</p>	<p>Get your class homework task added to our History topic - Crime and Punishment.</p>	<p>I want try to... Read every day and have my punctuation book signed. Practising spelling and these ideas. Try and complete one of the reward tasks each week.</p>
<p>This change of the month in your house for the week. Are there any changes you can complete a challenge?</p>	<p>Homework Mat</p> <p>Changes you are in charge of this month are a set of tasks. How would you be punished if they weren't done?</p>	<p>Bring something new about that represents you to represent a new view on how you can be punished if they weren't done.</p>	<p>Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.</p>
<p>Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.</p>	<p>Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.</p>	<p>Homework our first Science topic - The Circulatory System.</p>	<p>Get yourself three big ideas challenge for this half term. It's been here for a while but how to write like a real book. Save your parents some money!</p>

English

Our focus book for our 'UK and Me' topic will be Meerkat Mail and The big book of the UK.

We will be writing an information text with facts all about the United Kingdom.

We will be writing a recount from our walk to Glapton Woods.

We will also be writing a postcard based on the story of Meerkat Mail.

As always, we will be using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

We will also learn how to use the conjunctions 'but' and 'because'.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be identifying different 2D and 3D shapes. We will be describing the position, and direction and movement of shapes.

We will also be recognising and understanding the value of different notes and coins.

Finally, we will be learning how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour.

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

- Shape
- Square
- Rectangle
- Circle
- Triangle
- Sphere
- Cube
- Cuboid
- Pyramid
- Cone
- Money
- Value
- Time
- Hour
- Half hour

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

June 22nd PM– KS1 Sports Day (school PE kit required)

July 1st– Enterprise Day

July 5th– Parent/Carer Drop in

July 21st– Thank you Club

July 27th– Children break up for the Summer Holiday

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

*Miss Johnson
and Mr Payne*