



The Glapton Academy

Year 2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2022



Topic

This half term our topic is centred around Art and DT and is called 'Let's Get Creative.'

In Art, we will be working with paper, card and fabric to create collages inspired by the artwork of Rosemary Karuga. As part of this we will be learning different techniques including cutting, tearing and weaving.

In DT, we will building on our knowledge of materials and the design process to design and build simple shelters.



'Two Antelopes' – Rosemary Karuga (1999)



'Lion' - Rosemary Karuga (1999)

Book recommendation

Our focus author this half-term is **Atinuke**.

Read one of her books from the list below.

Hooray for Anna Hibiscus

Good Luck Anna Hibiscus

Amazing Africa



Research

Investigate existing shelters. How is the roof supported? What shapes are used? How are the supports and roof joined to one another?

Design

Draw and label a sketch of your shelter.

Evaluate

Does the product work well? Check against the design brief.

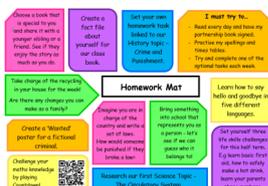
Make

Make a prototype of the product, testing and making changes.

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.



English

This half-term our focus text is 'Wangari's Trees of Peace' by Jeanette Winter. We will be retelling this story, writing our own story based around a traditional tale from the continent of Africa and producing a non-chronological report.



Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeanette Winter

Throughout our English lessons we will be embedding previously taught skills to prepare for the move to Year 3. In particular, we will be focusing on writing simple, compound and complex sentences and remembering capital letters, full stops and finger spaces in all our sentences.

In VIPERS, we will be continuing to practise our comprehension skills by reading and discussing 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 explore measurement. This will include learning to measure and compare capacity, volume and temperature. We will also be continuing to learn to read the time more accurately using analogue clocks, so make sure you continue to practise this at home too! Following this, we will be consolidating our knowledge of place value and the four operations.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge.

The children's usernames can be found in the front of their partnership books.



Maths Vocabulary

- mass
- Millilitres (ml)
- Litres (l)
- capacity
- volume
- temperature
- degrees (°C)
- O'clock
- minutes
- hours

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 **Monday** 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

June 16th—Chestnut Class Assembly

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

June 23rd—Beech Class Assembly

July 1st—Enterprise day

July 5th—Parent/carer drop-in session

July 6th—Mini Challenge Day—Topic Planning

July 11th—Children's Topic week starts

July 15th—School reports go out

July 27th—Children break up for the summer holiday

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

Mrs Husbands, Mrs
Ranjit and Miss
Newbury