

The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2023



Tomb Raiders!

This term, we will become archaeologists and discover all about the civilization of Ancient Egypt. We will be discovering all about this fascinating group of people by using primary and secondary sources such as artefacts, hieroglyphics, and tomb paintings.

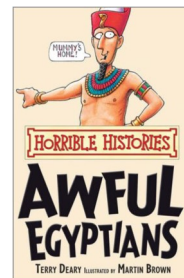
We will be placing all of this information on a timeline and embedding our knowledge of BC and AD time to see when all of these events took place in history.

We will be learning all about what life was like for Ancient Egyptian men and women and compare the similarities and differences to other cultures and time periods. We will also be learning about the last Pharaoh of Ancient Egypt, Cleopatra and why her reign was quite extraordinary. We will look at what historians have written about her and how reliable this may be and why the Ancient Egyptian civilization ended.

Book recommendation

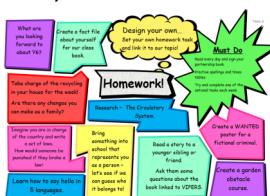
Awful Egyptians by Terry Deary.

Step back to an awfully ancient time when pharaohs were foul, servants suffered and everyone believed in an awesome afterlife. Discover the dire details of mummification, the truth about Tutankhamun and his creepy curse and find out why people worshipped a dung beetle. This book presents the history with the nasty bits left in!



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 we will be studying a book called 'The Legend of Tutankhamun' by Sally Morgan. This is a retelling of one of the most well-known Egyptian Pharaohs, Tutankhamun. More than 3000 years ago, this young boy became king in Ancient Egypt and his life, death and final resting place is something that has fascinated people ever since.

We will be writing a newspaper report about a Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb and the events that unfolded. We will also be writing narrative poetry using a range of figurative language about the discovery of an undiscovered tomb and a short narrative based around our theme of Ancient Egypt.



Maths

This half term, we will be building on our understanding of decimals and taking part in new learning about percentages.

When learning about decimals, we will be writing decimals as fractions, comparing and ordering decimals up to 3 decimal places, doubling and halving decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place.

New to Year 5, We will understand what the symbol % means and write percentages as fractions. We will then solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents.

We then will move on to solving area and perimeter problems, finding the area of perimeter of rectilinear and compound shapes.

Please continue to practice TT Rockstars at home!



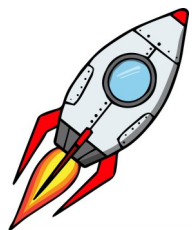
Maths Vocabulary

Decimal
Percentage
Thousandths
Hundredths
Tenths
Round
Nearest tenth
Per cent %
Denominator
Percentage equivalent
Decimal equivalent

Area
Perimeter
Square centimetre (cm²)
Square metre (m²)
Square millimetres (mm²)

Partnership Books

We will be continuing 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 on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** this half term however your child's PE kit must be in school every day as this can change. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit clearly labelled with their name.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts (inside)
Plain black joggers and top (outside)
Trainers (outside)
Safety message - Earrings must be removed by for PE days.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 2nd March - READING Challenge Day
3th – 17th March – STEM Week
Friday 17th March - RED NOSE Day (
Wednesday 29th March – Whole School Photograph
Friday 31st March 3.15pm – Break up for Easter

We are looking forward to working with you and your child again this term.

Year 5 Team