



The Glapton Academy

Juniper and Walnut Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2022

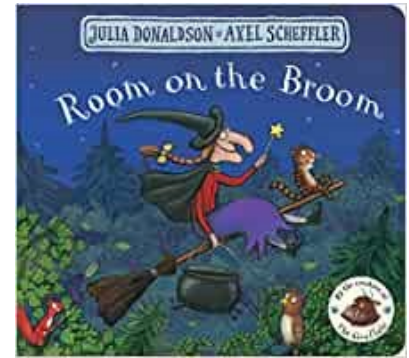


Topic

This half term we are going to be learning about celebrations. We will talk about occasions which we celebrate and how we celebrate them. Then we will explore Diwali and Christmas in detail. We will learn the stories behind these celebrations then explore the different ways in which they are celebrated - looking at similarities and differences between the celebrations.

We will also be learning all about autumn and exploring changes which occur during this time. We will be going on an Autumn walk around our school grounds to discover the changes for ourselves. We will discuss how our lives change from summer to autumn and the reasons for this.

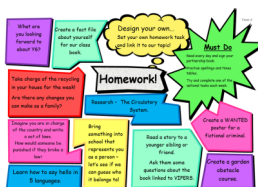
Book recommendations



Homework

A homework menu will be provided each half term which can found on our class page of the school website. 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 continue to work hard in our Phonics lessons - completing phase 2 and making a start on learning phase 3 phonemes. We will continue to update dojo so you know which sounds to practise at home.

We will be working hard to apply our phonics knowledge to write labels and lists, segmenting words carefully then writing the phonemes we can hear in words.

We will be getting to know the story 'One Snowy Night' by Christina Butler very well and will work on ordering the main events of the story and using the vocabulary - beginning, middle and end.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring the numerals 4 and 5. We will learn to recognise and write the numerals, order numbers up to 5 and count out up to 5 objects from a group. We will explore how to make 4 and 5 in different ways using part whole models. E.g. Knowing that 5 can be made up of $0 + 5$, $1 + 4$ or $2 + 3$. We will begin to represent this knowledge in number sentences using the correct symbols.

We will also learn about shapes with 4 and 5 sides. We will learn to name squares, rectangles, kites and pentagons and will be able to discuss their properties.

In addition to this, we will be exploring size, length and weight. We will be doing lots of practical activities to apply our knowledge from these lessons and to allow us to use a wide range of vocabulary linked to these concepts.

Maths Vocabulary

- Numeral
- Add
- Equals
- Part
- Whole
- Amount
- Length
- Short
- Long
- Tall
- Weight
- Heavy
- Light

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing 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.



Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. This half term, we will more than likely need raincoats and wellies as well as cosy coats, hats, scarves and gloves as the weather gets colder.

PE

Our PE days will be a **Wednesday (Walnut)** and **Tuesday (Juniper)** this half term.

Please continue to 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/joggers
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

10th November: Whole School Photos
13th - 17th November: Anti-bullying week
15th November: Whole School Drop-in
17th November: Children in Need/Team Challenge Day
24th November: Thank You Club
12th and 14th December: KS2 Christmas Concert
13th December: F2 Nativity
14th and 15th December: F1 Mince Pies and festive singing (10:30 - 11:30)
15th December: KS1 Nativity
19th December: Christmas Jumper/Lunch Day
20th December: Thank You Club and Break up for Christmas holidays.
Children return to school - 8th January 2024.

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

Mrs Eden-Smith

Mrs Fletcher

Miss Haywood