

The Glapton Academy

Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Topic

In Year 6 this half term, we are going to be learning all about World War 2! We will be delving into the history books and learning how, when and why WW2 began; finding out about the key individuals and countries involved; investigating events that were key turning points in the war, such as the Battle of Britain and the German invasion of Russia; and learning about key figures within this time frame. Alongside this, we will be learning about the cause and impact of evacuation, rationing, propaganda and the contribution made by women to help the war effort.

Furthermore, through their studies, pupils will develop their investigation and evaluation skills; learn to organise information chronologically and understand how past events have helped shape the world we know today.

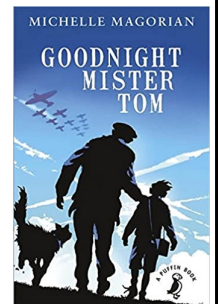


Book recommendation

Goodnight Mister Tom

Winner of the Guardian Children's Fiction Award

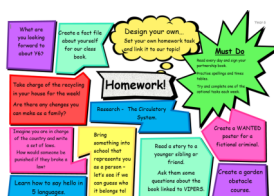
Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower, Thomas Oakley. Although the two find it hard to adjust to their life together at first, they gradually develop a strong bond. Willie begins to enjoy life and make new friends in the village. However, everything is thrown into confusion when Willie is suddenly recalled to London by his neglectful and abusive mother. After several weeks with no letter from Willie, Tom Oakley becomes concerned for his welfare and sets out to London in search of him.



Homework

All children will be set homework on Sats Companion each Friday - we will be sending your child's login details home in their Partnership Books home soon! This must be completed by following Friday.

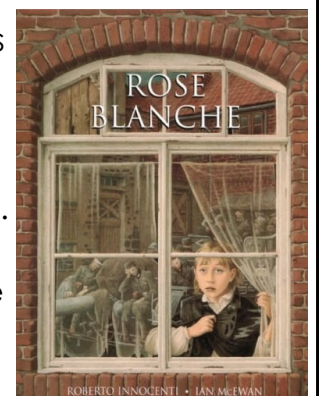
In addition to this, a homework menu will be provided each half term on Class Dojo. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



English

This half term we will be studying the text *Rose Blanche*, written and illustrated by Roberto Innocenti. Within this unit, we will be working on a range of fiction and non-fiction genres. We will be studying a variety of text types, including setting descriptions, recounts and persuasive adverts, in order to support us when creating our own compositions. We will be working to improve our GPS skills through the use of our writing LEAPs and our daily GPS workouts. We will begin this half term looking at prepositions and prepositional phrases as well as figurative language for effect.

In reading, we will be working on our inference skills in order to understand a text at a deeper level. Also, we will be looking at author decision making and explaining the reasons why an author has chosen particular words and phrases.



Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations.

Within our place value unit, we will be learning to recognise and understand the place value of each digit in numbers up to 10 million, including tenths, hundredths and thousandths. As well as this, we will learn to reason about the location of any number up to 10 million, including decimal fractions; understand the relationship between powers of 10 from 1 hundredth to 10 million; and round any number to a required degree of accuracy. Within our four operations unit, we will be practising the formal methods, including appropriate regrouping and involving decimal numbers throughout. We will also be using BIDMAS to help us solve calculations involving multiple operations, as well as solving multistep problems within contexts.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an essential foundation for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rock Stars as often as possible.



Maths Vocabulary

Place value
Ten million
Hundredths
Thousandths
Partition
Decimal point
Place holder
Digit total
Integer
Round
Negative number
Regroup
Ascending/Descending
Additive

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 day will be **Tuesday** 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. Earrings must be removed for these days.

PE kit consists of:

Plain white t-shirt
Black shorts or joggers
Trainers (outside)
Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

03.10.23 and 05.10.23: Parents evening
04.10.23: Harvest Festival
11.10.23: Parent reading information session
12.10.23: Birch Class Assembly
13.10.23: Thank you Club
18.10.23: Parents' SATS information session
19.10.23: Elm Class Assembly
20.10.23: Last day of school

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this year!

Miss Shenton, Mrs Ralph
and Mrs Kay