



The Glapton Academy

Year 3/4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2023



Topic

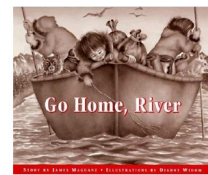
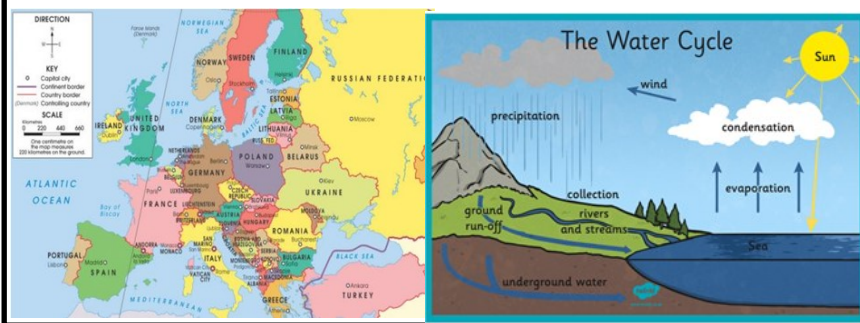
Our topic this half term is Making a Splash.

As geographers, we will be developing our locational knowledge and as well as our geographical skills, both in the classroom and through fieldwork. We will be learning about human and physical geography in different geographical regions. We will be locating different European countries and their capital cities; naming and locating cities in the United Kingdom; looking at human and physical geography (including the water cycle) and using maps, atlases and globes to describe features of different countries.

Book recommendation

As we will be learning about European rivers, we recommend that the children engage with the book 'Go Home River' by James Magdanz.

The book tells the story of a young boy who is eager to learn about his family and so he takes a boat out on the river to follow them. On his journey, we learn of how different bodies of water are connected and the importance of lakes, rivers and oceans.



Homework

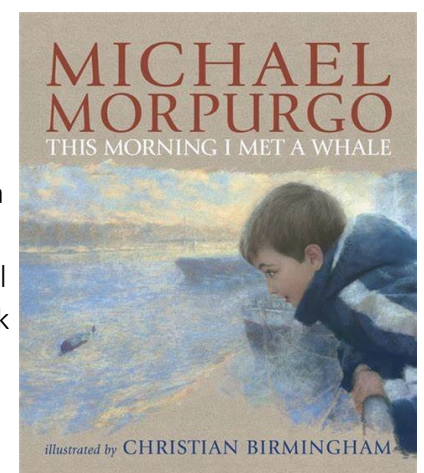
All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will either be an opportunity for children to ask questions about their learning, or a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school. We will also provide a homework menu, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills.

Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.

English

In terms of our reading this half term, we will be continuing to develop our skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising, with a particular focus on explanation and summarising. We will do this through our VIPERS sessions, where children are given a chance to explore and analyse different texts.

In English, we will be working towards producing a non-chronological report, a newspaper report and poetry, all of which will be inspired by the book 'This Morning I met a whale' by Michael Morpurgo.



Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge and understanding of addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication and division. Children will be using their knowledge of these mathematical concepts to estimate answers to questions and to solve problems. We will be exploring the relationship between multiplication and division; recognising multiples of numbers in the 10, 5, 2, 4 and 8 times tables; and becoming more fluent in recalling multiplication and division facts in the above times tables.

We will 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 Times Tables Rock Stars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge. The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership books.



Maths Vocabulary

- hundreds boundary
- one hundred more
- one hundred less
- tens boundary
- exchange
- factor
- product
- remainder
- Inverse
- Area
- Covers
- Square centimetre (cm²)
- Inverse
- Square
- Squared
- Cube
- Cubed

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing to use 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 each time. 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

PE

Sycamore's PE day will be **Thursday** this half term.

Oak's PE day will be **Monday** this half term.

Alder's PE day will be **Monday** 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 black joggers and sweat top
Trainers

Dates for your diary

13th– 17th November– Anti-bullying week
15th November- Whole school drop in
17th November– Children in need/ team challenge
24th November– Thank you club
12th and 14th December– Ks2 Christmas concert
13th December– F2 Nativity
15th December– KS1 Nativity
19th December– Christmas Jumper/lunch day
20th December– Thank you club and break up for Christmas holidays.
8th January– Return to school

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children this half term.

Miss Neville, Mrs Lomax and Miss Padhiar