

# The Glapton Academy

## F1 Saplings Class Newsletter

### Spring Term Block 4 2024



#### Topic

Our topic in Saplings Class this half term is 'The Wild West'.

The children will be investigating in what part of the world we would find the area traditionally known as the 'wild west'. The children will be finding out about the environment, weather, and native Americans.

The children will also be finding out about the role of a cowboy and looking at similarities and differences between themselves and native Americans of the time. They will discover how they lived, including their homes, what they wore and ate, as well as finding out about different traditions.

At the end of our topic, we hope to hold a 'Wild West' day when the children will be able to come to Saplings class dressed either as a cowboy (or girl) or a native American. Simple jeans and t-shirts will suffice as costumes!



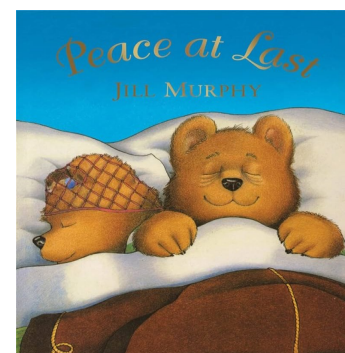
#### A Polite Reminder

We love the children to be healthy and keep hydrated in Saplings Class. May we please remind you, that in accordance with our school policy, if children wish to bring a drink to school in addition to the milk that they are offered, we request that it is water (as opposed to squash or cordial). This is in line with all other classes in school. Please ensure that your child's water bottle is clearly named.

Thank you for your support.

#### Book recommendation

Peace at Last



All Mr Bear wanted was to get a good night's sleep! But what with Mrs Bear snoring and Baby Bear pretending to be an aeroplane, it was proving a little difficult! Follow Mr Bear as he travels around the house.. and garden, to try and find a quiet and cosy place to sleep. A delightful bedtime story!

Mrs Smith

#### Literacy/Communication and Language

This half term we will be reading the stories 'She'll be coming round the Mountain', 'Cowboy Ted and the Scary Night' and 'Cowboy Baby'. We will be listening for, recognising and saying words that rhyme within the texts, as well as listening for alliteration. We will also be investigating some non-fiction texts to consolidate the children's knowledge of the wild west as well as their understanding that information –not just stories- may be obtained from some books.

We will continue to practise our communication, language and oracy skills through all of our continuous provision activities and our daily greetings and conversations between staff and children in Saplings class.