



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1&2 Newsletter

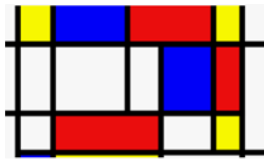
### Spring Term 2 - 2024



#### Topic

This half term our topic is an Art focus called 'Colour Palette.' We will be looking at the work of Mondrian and Kandinsky. Children will learn drawing techniques and practise drawing a range of lines (curved, straight, angled, dots, circles). They will look in more detail at the techniques they can use to change the appearance of lines by using different grades of pencil or by using different pressure. We will then experiment with brushstrokes to create lines and shapes. We will also use colour wheels of primary and secondary colours and we will experiment with creating light and dark shades of different colours. Children will then create their own artwork influenced by Mondrian and Kandinsky's styles using all the skills practised over the half term.

Mondrian



Kandinsky



#### Book recommendation



The book is about a small polar bear who is looking for a new home because the ice is melting away where he lives and there is no food. Along the way, he meets a series of animals who become his friends. After discovering a small boat, Polar Bear sets out across the sea.

#### Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always link with learning that has taken place in school so that children can practise the skills they have been taught.

In addition to this, a homework mat will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills and knowledge. These tasks can be completed in any order and do not need to be handed back into school.

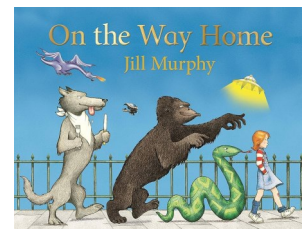


#### English

This half term, our writing will be based on the story 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy.

Over the half term, we will become fully immersed in the text, firstly by learning to orally retell the story, using drama and story mapping. We will then imitate the original story, using the structure in order to retell it in written form. Finally, we will innovate the original story, changing the characters, setting and plot to create our own versions.

There will be lots of new writing skills the children will learn including using subordinating conjunctions (e.g. when, if, because) to expand and add more detail to our sentences and using powerful verbs to add additional description to our writing and provide a clearer picture to our reader.



## Maths

This half term, year 1 will be focusing on addition and subtraction to 20 and place value within 50. Children will read and write mathematical statements involving addition (+), subtraction (-) and equals (=) symbols. They will add and subtract one and two-digit numbers to 20.

Year 2 will be focusing on multiplication and division. Children will learn to understand multiplication as repeated addition and division as grouping and sharing quantities.

Both year groups will also be working on measuring length and height.

We will continue with counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s as this will support children when they start to learn times tables. Please encourage your child to access Times Table Rockstars as often as possible to give them an introduction times tables.

The children's usernames can be found in the front of their partnership books.

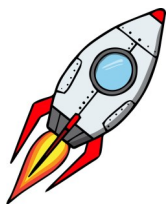


## Maths Vocabulary

- Groups of
- Times
- Once
- Twice
- Repeated addition
- Divide
- Share equally
- Left over
- Equal groups
- Row
- Column
- Multiplication fact
- Division fact

## Partnership Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this in their partnership books. The children love their 'Reading Rocketeers' challenge and the aim is to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. 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 a **Monday for Willow**  
**Thursday for Chestnut**  
**Wednesday for Beech** 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 white t-shirt  
Black shorts or jogging bottoms  
Plimsolls  
Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt for outdoor PE

## Dates for your diary

The Book Bus Visit- 1st March  
Attendance Week- WB 4th March  
Reading Challenge Day/ World Book Day- 7th March  
STEM Week- WB 11th March  
Red Nose Day- 15th March  
Y2 Church Visit- 25th March  
Thank you Club- 27th March  
INSET Day- 28th March  
Easter Break- 29th March- 12th April

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

Mr Payne, Mrs Layton and Ms Patel.