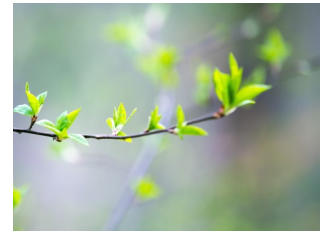




# The Glapton Academy

## Year 1&2 Newsletter

### Summer Term 1 - 2024



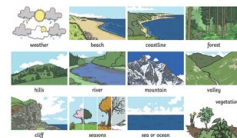
#### Topic

This half term our topic is a Geography focus called 'Lost'. We will be identifying human and physical features, identifying local landmarks and looking at aerial photographs of our local area. We will be developing our map skills and describing the location of features and routes on a map. Later in the half term, we will be learning positional language and we will create our own maps. We will learn how to represent features as symbols in a key for our maps.

#### Human Features

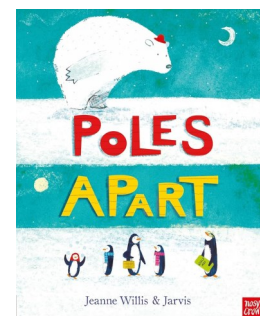


#### Physical Features



#### Book recommendation

In 'Poles Apart' by Jeanne Willis, a penguin family, Mr. and Mrs. Pilchard-Brown, with their children, Peeky, Poots, and Pog, who live in the South Pole, take a wrong turn trying to get to a picnic and find themselves in the North Pole. Their journey home takes them all around the world!



#### 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. This will be set weekly on Class Dojo. For each new block of learning, we will also provide a homework mat, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills that will compliment the children's learning in school. We will have a weekly focus from our homework mat, however, children can choose to complete as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.



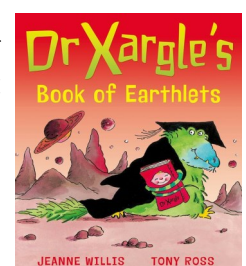
#### English

This half term, our writing will be based on two stories: 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers and 'Dr Xargle's Book of Earthlets' by Jeanne Willis.

We will be retelling 'Lost and Found'. We will then innovating the original story, changing the characters and setting to create our own versions. In our writing, we will be using suffixes to make words plural and we will be adding -ing to verbs such as 'playing' and 'sailing'.



Later in the half term, we will be writing instructions based on the structure of 'Dr Xargle's book of Earthlets'. We will revisit our work on commands whilst writing instructions. We will also be writing poems with riddles. During the writing process, we will be developing our use of adjectives.



## Maths

This half term, year 1 will be focusing on multiplication and division and fractions. They will be counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and developing their skills in grouping and sharing. They will be learning that halves are two equal parts and they will be finding halves and quarters of objects.

Year 2 will be focusing on fractions and time. They will be recognising and finding, one half, one third and one quarter. They will also be learning to arrange fractions in order of size. In time, year 2 will learn to tell the time to 5 minutes, including half past, quarter past and quarter to.

Both year groups will also be working on measuring mass and volume. They will be learning that mass can be measured in kilograms and that volume can be measured in litres.

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.

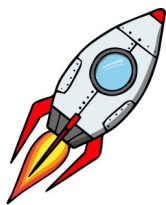


## Maths Vocabulary

- grams
- kilograms
- mass
- litre
- capacity
- volume
- multiplication
- multiply
- divide
- fraction
- equal part
- half
- quarter

## 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

Willow Class Assembly—25th April

Calke Abbey Visit (Y1 & Y2) - 29th April

Bank Holiday—6th May

KS2 SATs Tests— 13th– 16th May

Thank you Club— 24th May

Break up for Half Term—24th May

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

Mr Payne, Mrs Layton and Miss Smith.