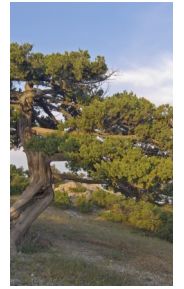




The Glapton Academy

EYFS Walnut and Juniper Class

Newsletter Spring Half Term 1



Terrific Transport

We will begin this half term by exploring the season winter. We will look at the changes in nature from autumn to winter and will go on a winter walk around our school grounds to see what we can see and feel.

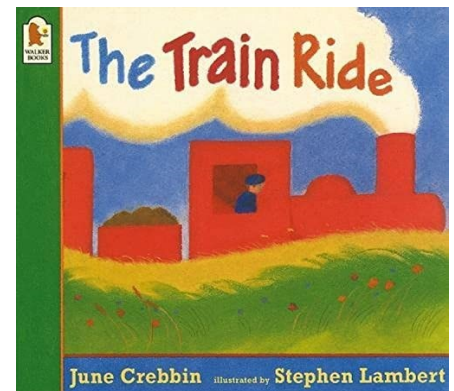
After that, we will move on to learn about different types of transport. We will be learning to name a wide range of transport, including transport used in different parts of the world and transport from the past. We will also be discussing how we would travel to different places, using our knowledge of whether they are near or far away.

In addition to this, we will be exploring the different environments in our country and will create our own maps of an imaginary place, using a simple key.



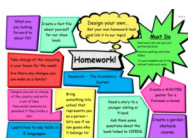
We will then become scientists and will be taking part in simple experiments to explore floating and sinking as well as melting. We will classify different objects, discussing similarities between them.

Book recommendation



Homework

A homework menu is provided each half term which can be found on our class page of the website. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Most tasks will be practical - we would really love to see photos on Class Dojo of your child having a go at the activities. For each activity completed, they will receive 5 dojos.



English

In English this half term we will continue to work on applying our phonics skills and knowledge and will be working on writing captions. We will learn how to use finger spaces to separate words in a caption and will be continuing to work hard on our cursive letter formation.

We will also continue to work hard to write our names (including surnames) - ensuring that all letters are formed correctly. Please encourage your child to practise writing their name at home if they are not yet confident with this.

During story time, we will be working hard on our prediction skills in reading as well as our retelling skills. We will learn to retell the story of Mr Gumpy's Outing as well as the story of The Great Race.



Maths

We will begin this half term by learning about weight in Maths. We will learn to use the correct vocabulary to describe weight and will also learn how to use scales to weigh and compare objects.

We will then move on to exploring the numerals 6 and 7. We will learn to both recognise and write the numerals, order numbers up to 7 and count out up to 7 objects from a larger group. We will explore how to make these totals in different ways and using different methods.

E.g. to know that $5 + 2 = 7$, but also $4 + 3 = 7$ too.

We will be building on our knowledge of number sentences and work on using the correct symbol + and =.

Maths Vocabulary

weight

heavy/light

heavier/lighter

heaviest/lightest

numeral

more

less

before

after

number line

sequence

order



Partnership Books

Please continue to read with your child as often as possible at home. It is vital that your child is reading to you at least 5 times a week at home as well as listening to a bedtime story each night to develop a love of reading. Record in your child's partnership book each time they read. 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!



Children who read regularly at home make better progress in reading.

Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather.

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. This half term, we will more than likely need warm coats and wellies (these can come in a bag and hang on pegs) as well as hats, scarves and gloves on really cold days.

PE

Our PE days will be a **Tuesday (Walnut)** and **Wednesday (Juniper)** 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/joggers
Trainers (outside)
Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your Diary

8th - 12th January: Behaviour Week

15th January: Thank You Club

25th January: Young Voices

30th January: Parents' Evening

1st February: Parents' Evening

8th February: Thank You Club

9th February: Break up for half term

Children return to school - 19th February 2024

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas time and we look forward to continuing to work with you this half term.

Mrs Eden-Smith,

Mrs Fletcher,

Miss Haywood