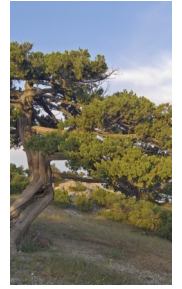




# The Glapton Academy

## EYFS Walnut and Juniper

### Newsletter Spring Half Term 2 - 2024



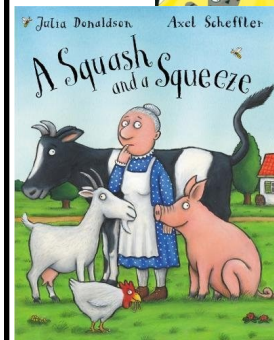
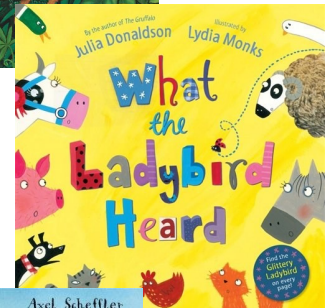
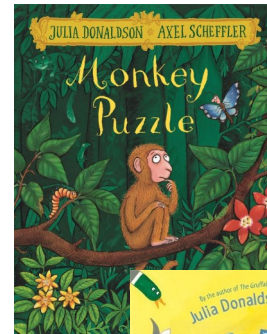
#### All Creatures Great and Small

We will start off this half term by learning about the life cycle of a plant. We will have the opportunity to plant our own seeds, care for them and observe how they change over time. Following this, we will recap the life cycles of butterflies and frogs before learning about the life cycle of a duck. We will be welcoming some very special visitors during this half term and will have the opportunity to observe some of a duck's life cycle in real life.

After that, we will learn about the season - spring. We will go for a walk around our school grounds to look for signs of spring and will think about how things are different to winter. We will also be going on a minibeast hunt around the school to investigate which minibeasts live in our playground!

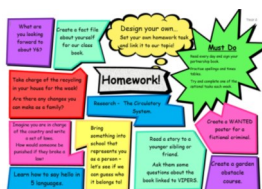
We will end the half term by learning about the Easter story and will discover why Easter is an important celebration for Christians.

#### Book recommendations



#### 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

This half term, we will continue learning phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs in our phonics lessons. We will continue our work on writing captions and will move on to writing simple sentences with a focus on using finger spaces between words.

We will be reading lots of lovely books linked to our topic starting with 'Jasper's Beanstalk' which we will learn to sequence and retell off by heart.

We will also explore some non-fiction books linked to Spring and will be able to answer questions about what we have heard.



## Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring the numerals 8, 9 and 10. We will learn to both recognise and write the numerals and will investigate a range of representations of these numbers. We will practise ordering numbers up to 10 and will be able to count out at least 10 objects from a larger group. We will explore how to make these totals in different ways using tens frames and part whole models.

We will continue to work on our subitising skills and children will be taught to look for smaller groups within a set of objects to help them to subitise larger amounts.

Finally, we will begin to explore 100 squares and start to look for patterns within numbers. E.g. finding all of the numbers ending with 5, looking at odd and even numbers and doubles.

## Maths Vocabulary

Numeral  
number  
eight  
nine  
ten  
part  
whole  
add  
equals  
total



## Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing 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 every time they read outside of school. 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!



## 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. Hopefully, the weather will start to improve this half term but until then please make sure children have waterproof coats, hats, scarves, gloves and wellies where appropriate!

## PE

Our PE day will be a Tuesday 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

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  
Thank you Club- 27th March  
INSET Day- 28th March  
Easter Break- 29th March- 12th April

We look forward to working with you this half term!

*Mrs Eden-Smith,*

*Mrs Fletcher,*

*Miss Haywood*