



The Glapton Academy

Year 5 Newsletter

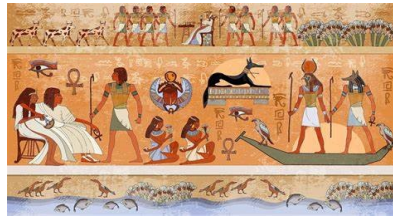
Autumn Term 1 - 2023



Topic

This half term, Year 5 will be venturing thousands of years back in time to the Ancient Egyptians. We will be looking at famous Egyptian architecture, the mummification process and the role of men and women. History in Year 5 focuses on using primary and secondary sources of information to reveal the secrets of the past. We will look at one of the most famous female leaders in history. Cleopatra, who was a pharaoh in 51 BC, was the last pharaoh of Egypt before the Romans invaded in 30 BC.

We will go on a trip to Leicester Museums and Art Gallery to experience authentic Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We cannot wait!



Book recommendation

Secrets of a Sun King—Emma Carroll



A discovery from ancient Egypt . . .

A cursed package . . .

The untold story of a young pharaoh . . .

The mysterious death of a Professor of Middle Eastern art, connected with her own grandfather, sparks the journey of a lifetime for Lillian. She must return the priceless and secret remains of **Tutankhamen** to his true tomb and try to release her grandfather from their suspected curse .

Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always be a reconsolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

In addition to this, a homework menu will

be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills. Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.

Homework Mat

- Choose a book that is special to you and read it with a partner. Write a review for our class book.
- Create a fact file about a historical topic. Create and present.
- Set your own homework task. Create and present.
- I must try to... Read every day and have my homework book signed. Practice my spelling and have it read. Try and complete one of the optional tasks each week.
- Take charge of the recycling in your house for the week. How many changes can you make as a family?
- Imagine you are in charge of the country and write a set of laws. How would someone be punished if they broke a law?
- Bring something from school that represents you. A person - list all the qualities you like about them.
- Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
- Create a 'Wanted' poster for a fictional criminal.
- Research our First Science Topic - The Circulatory System.
- Get yourself three different challenges for this half term. If you have time, add how to safely make hot drink. Learn your parents' phone numbers.
- Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.

English

This half term in English, we begin by writing a newspaper report about the discovery of Ancient Egyptian artefacts. We will recap the use of a full range of punctuation, including inverted commas, using informal language and recognising vocabulary of informal speech.

Next, we will re-write a narrative from the 'Secrets of the Sun King', focussing on action, dialogue, using nouns and adjectives to enhance meaning. Also, we will look in detail at how an adverb can give extra information about a verb, including how, when, how often an action takes place.

Finally, we will write an explanation text describing how bodies were mummified during the Ancient Egyptian times. We will use a variety of complex sentences with a range of subordinating conjunctions, vary the order of subordinate clauses in a sentence and use commas after a subordinate clause at the end of a sentence.

Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing build on our knowledge and understanding of place value. We will be learning how to recognise the value of digits in up to 6 figure numbers. This will also include: comparing and ordering numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and counting forwards and backwards in negative numbers.

We will also be practising our writing methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. This will include: adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4-digits, investigating factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

We will also continue with our big push on times-tables, as these form an important basis for many areas of the maths curriculum. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge. The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership and Homework books.



Maths Vocabulary

- Digit
- Numeral
- Partition
- Integer
- Add/Subtract
- Estimate
- Inverse
- Rounding
- Factors
- Multiples
- Prime Number
- Square Numbers
- Cube Numbers

Partnership Books

This term we will be re-starting 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!



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 days will be a **Tuesday** and **Friday** 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
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

04.09.23—First day back to school

03.10.23 and 05.10.23—Parents Evenings

04.10.23—Harvest Festival Celebrations

11.10.23—Parents Reading Session with Mrs Kay and Miss Layton 2.15pm

20.10.23—Last term of term

23.10.23—03.11.23 Half Term

06.11.23—Return to school

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

Mr Phillips, Miss Edwards
Miss Cosway and
Miss Swift