



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 5 Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2 - 2023



#### Topic

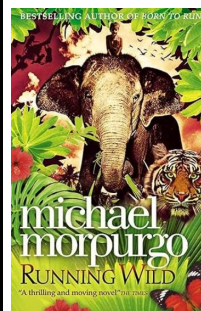
This half term, Year 5 will become Geographers, learning about our extraordinary Earth. We will look at the 7 continents and their countries, distinguishing the difference between a continent and a country. We will also look at what mountains are and how they are formed through the movement of tectonic plates. We will identify the 7 summits of the planet and describe their location using 6-figure grid references and compass points. Lastly, we will look at how earthquakes are formed and the impact they have on the landscape.



#### Book recommendation

For Will and his mother, going to Indonesia isn't just a holiday. It's an escape, a new start, a chance to put things behind them – things like the death of Will's father.

And to begin with, it seems to be just what they both needed. But then Oona, the elephant Will is riding on the beach, begins acting strangely, shying away from the sea. And that's when the



tsunami comes crashing in, and Oona begins to run. Except that when the tsunami is gone, Oona just keeps on running.

#### 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.

#### English

This half term we are going to be reading Michael Morpurgo's *Running Wild* and from this, we will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of the character Will, a persuasive letter on deforestation as well as non-chronological report based on natural disasters.

We will be learning how to link ideas across paragraphs using adverbs and adverbials of time, learning how to choose appropriate pronouns or nouns, within and across sentences, to avoid cohesion and repetition within our writing.

We will also be learning how to use commas to clarify meaning and avoid ambiguity and identifying and using a range of rules to form verbs in the simple past and past progressive tense correctly.

We will also continue to use complex sentences within our writing using a range of subordinating conjunctions and varying the placement of subordinating clauses.

## Maths

In our maths lessons this term, we will be continuing with our multiplication and division learning. We will start by learning about square and cube numbers and then move onto multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

We will then move onto learning about fractions. We will be looking at how unit fractions can be expressed in other forms, using a variety of representations, including fractions of shapes, number lines and fraction walls as well as the abstract form. We will use our times-table knowledge to find missing numerators or denominators and will then move onto finding fraction equivalents.

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 books.



## Maths Vocabulary

Fractions  
Numerator  
Denominator  
Improper  
Proper  
Equivalent  
Reduced to  
Cancel  
Percentage  
Decimal  
Thousandths

## 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!



## 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 **Wednesday** 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
- Plain black jumper
- Black shorts/ trousers
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

## Dates for your diary

13.11.23 Anti bullying week  
15.11.23 Parent drop in session 9-10am  
16.11.23 Hazel Class Assembly 2.45pm KS2 Hall  
17.11.23 Teamwork Challenge Day  
23.11.23 Cherry Class Assembly 2.45pm KS2 Hall  
12.12.23 and 14.12.23 KS2 Carol Concert  
13.12.23 F2 Nativity  
15.12.23 KS1 Christmas Assembly  
19.12.23 Christmas Jumper Day  
20.12.23 Thank you club and break up for Christmas



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

**Mr Phillips,  
Miss Edwards and  
Miss Cosway**