

The Glapton Academy

Year 6 Newsletter

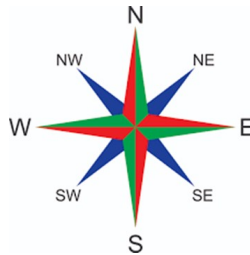
Block 5



Topic

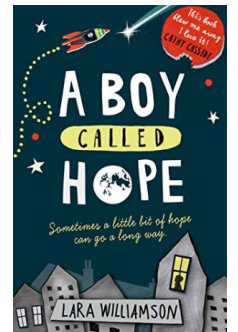
This half term, our topic will be: Navigation!

Within this topic, we will be developing our geography skills and knowledge. We will begin the term by learning how to read and navigate an 8-point compass. We will be using this knowledge to describe locations and provide directions. Following this, we will be looking in detail at Ordnance Survey maps, focusing specifically on the use of symbols. Next, we will learn how to use four and six-figure grid references to locate places on a map. We will also learn how to use a scale to estimate distances. Finally, we get out in the open to put our fieldwork skills to the test!



Book recommendation

An original and interesting peek into the life of Dan Hope and his dysfunctional family.



Touching and thought-provoking, this is an excellent book to read after Wonder and a great book to discuss with your child.

Homework

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

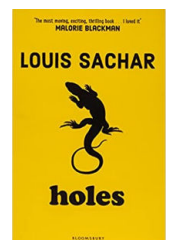
Additionally, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills and the children can complete as many tasks as they like.

English

In English this term, we will be focussing on spelling, grammar and punctuation skills leading up to the SAT tests.

In reading we will be working on improving our exam technique, by learning how to get maximum marks when answering comprehension questions. We will specifically be focussing on inference and deduction questions, as well as questions related to the author's viewpoint.

We will be continuing the novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar as our class reader, and, following the SATs tests, will be basing our English writing unit (persuasive letter writing) upon characters and events that occur within the story.



SATS Dates

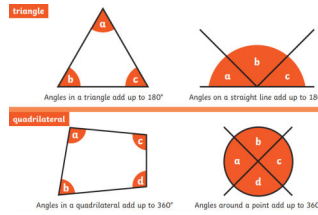
Monday 13th May	Tuesday 14th May	Wednesday 15th May	Thursday 16th May
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers	Reading paper	Arithmetic paper 1 Reasoning paper 2	Reasoning paper 3

As you can see, it is set to be a very busy week!
Good luck to all of our wonderful children and may all of your hard work pay off.

Maths

This half term, we will be completing our unit on decimal, fraction and percentage equivalences before moving onto calculating percentages of amounts.

Following this, we will be developing our knowledge of angles. We will draw and measure angles before learning the rules for angles in special quadrilaterals and regular polygons. After this, we will learn to draw, compose, and decompose shapes according to given properties, including dimensions, angles and area, and solve related problems. We will continue to recap all of our prior learning in maths throughout the term and consolidate our learning through a range of exciting problem solving activities.



In preparation for our arithmetic test, we will be doing lots of additional, fun arithmetic practice in the afternoons. We will be taking part in quizzes, treasure hunts and team games to support our understanding and confidence.



Maths Vocabulary

Origin
X axis
Y axis
Coordinate
Quadrant
Acute
Obtuse
Reflex
Interior
Exterior
Sum
Degrees
Measure

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing with our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. 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 day will be a **Monday** 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

19.04.24: Road Safety Quiz
06.05.24: May Bank Holiday
13.05.24 - 16.05.24: KS2 SATS Week
17.05.24: Sats Treat Cinema Trip
21.05.24: NTU session
24.05.24: Thank You Club and Last day of term

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your children this half term.

Miss Shenton, Miss Edwards and Mrs Lees