



The Glapton Academy

Year 1&2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - 2023



Topic

This half term our topic is a geography focus called ‘Where Are We?’ The children will learn about the four countries of the UK, their capital cities and the surrounding seas. They will learn what human and physical features are and be able to identify them as well as making comparisons between two different places.

The children will also have lots of opportunities to use maps and atlases. They will need to use them to name and locate the world’s oceans and continents.

To make this topic even more special, our trip this half term will be to Stonehurst Farm! This will be a great opportunity to identify human and physical geographical features in person, look at some amazing classic cars and motorbikes in the museum as well as meeting lots of cute animals!



Book recommendation

“Meerkat Christmas” by Emily Gravett



Sunny isn't quite sure if Christmas in the desert with his meerkat family is the right sort of Christmas - there's no snow, no fir trees and no figgy pudding! So he heads off on a journey round the world looking for the picture perfect Christmas . . . before realizing he might have left it at home after all.

Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Wednesday. Homework given will always be a consolidation 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.

Choose a book that is about the year last done in with a longer writing or a friend. One of the things you did in school last year.	Create a fact file about yourself for your class book.	Get your own homework book. Label it with 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS' and 'Carnival'.	I meet my... Read every day and have my partner read to me. Practice my spelling and handwriting. Try and complete one of the different tasks each week.
Use change of the seasons in your house for the week. How many changes can you make in a house?	Bring something from your country and write a list of how you would introduce the product to the class.	Read your own homework book. Label it with 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS' and 'Carnival'.	Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
Create a 'Meerkat poster' for a Christmas card.	Read your own homework book. Label it with 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS' and 'Carnival'.	Bring something from your country and write a list of how you would introduce the product to the class.	Get yourself three different challenges for the half term. Eg learn how to say hello in five different languages. Make a list of things you can do with your hands.
Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.	Read your own homework book. Label it with 'HAPPY HOLIDAYS' and 'Carnival'.	Bring something from your country and write a list of how you would introduce the product to the class.	Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.

English

This half term, our writing will be based on the story ‘Meerkat Mail’ by Emily Gravett. Over the half term, we will continue to focus on sentence structure and remembering to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.

The children will also be using ‘and’, ‘but’ and ‘or’ to join clauses and to create compound sentences. This will make their sentences even more exciting!

Remember, whenever we want to write a sentence we must... “Think it, like it, say it, write it, check it”. Practice this at home!



Maths

This half term, Year 1 and 2 will continue their learning on addition and subtraction. They will use a variety of resources to support them in answering mathematical calculations. In Year 1, the children will look closely at number bonds to and within 10. The children in Year 2 will be working with 2-digit numbers up to 100. All pupils will be looking at related number facts and solving missing number problems.

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 the front of their partnership books.

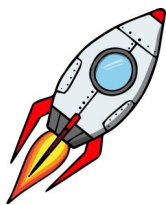


Maths Vocabulary

- addition
- subtraction
- more
- difference
- equal to
- partition
- 1-digit
- 2-digit
- number bond

Partnership Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day and record this in their partnership books. The children love their 'Reading Rocketeers' challenge and the aim is to get to 'space' (200 reads) by the end of the academic year. 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 for Willow**
Tuesday for Chestnut
Friday for Beech 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
Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

10th November—Whole school photos
13-17th November—Anti-bullying week
15th November—Whole school drop-in
17th November—Children in need/team challenge day
24th November—Thank you club
12th and 14th December—KS2 Christmas Concert
13th December—F2 Nativity
14th and 15th December—F1 Mince Pies and festive singing
15th December—KS1 Nativity
19th December—Christmas Jumper Day
20th December—Thank you club

8th January 2024—Children return to school

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

Mr Payne, Miss Gibbons and Mrs Layton.