



# The Glapton Academy

## Year 3/4 Newsletter

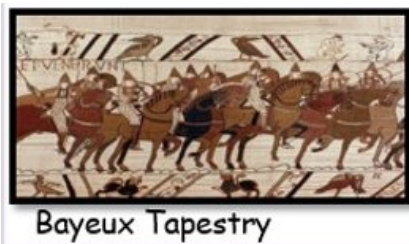
### Spring Term 1 - 2024



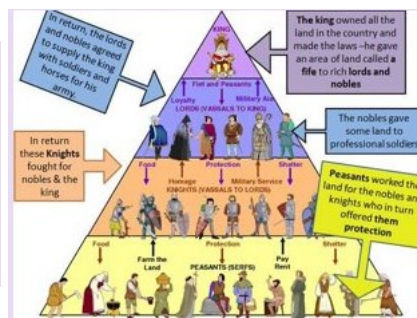
#### Topic

Our topic this half term is 1066.

As historians, we will be developing our knowledge and enquiry skills, about the events of 1066. We will be learning about the 3 contenders for the throne in 1066 and the Battle of Stamford Bridge. We will learn about why the Battle of Hastings is one of the most significant events in history as it led to the Norman conquest of England. We will be learning about Motte and Bailey castles and their purpose. We will learn about the Norman's rules which allowed kings to lead without democracy.



Bayeux Tapestry



#### Book recommendation

As we will be learning about the events of 1066, we recommend that the children engage with the book '1066 (I Was There...)' by Jim Etridge.

The book tells the thrilling story of a young page boy at the heart of the Battle of Hastings. Edwin risks everything to infiltrate the Norman army and find out William of Normandy's plans for King Harold.



#### Homework

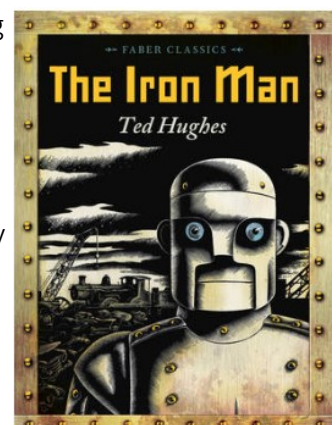
All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will either be an opportunity for children to ask questions about their learning, or a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school. We will also provide a homework menu, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills.

Children can choose as many additional tasks as they like to fit in with their busy schedules at home.

#### English

In terms of our reading this half term, we will be continuing to develop our skills of vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising, with a particular focus on explanation and summarising. We will do this through our VIPERS sessions, where children are given a chance to explore and analyse different texts.

In English, we will be working towards writing a setting description, an informal letter and narrative poetry, all of which will be inspired by the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.



## Maths

In our maths lessons this half term, we will be continuing to develop our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division, as well as length, perimeter and area. Children will be using their knowledge of these mathematical concepts to estimate answers to questions and to solve problems. We will be exploring the relationship between multiplying by 10 and 100, developing our understanding of dividing 2-digit numbers by 1; measuring and comparing lengths and adding and subtracting lengths.

We will 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 Times Tables Rock Stars as often as possible to support them with this essential knowledge. The children's usernames can be found in their Partnership books.



## Maths Vocabulary

- factor
- product
- divisor
- dividend
- quotient
- multiple
- chart
- bar chart

## Library

Our library days are:

Oak: Tuesday

Sycamore: Monday

Alder: Wednesday

Please bring books so we can change them.

## Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing to use 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 each time. 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

**Sycamore's** PE day will be **Monday** this half term.

**Oak's** PE day will be **Thursday** this half term.

**Alder's** PE day will be **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 black joggers, white t shirt and sweat top

Trainers

## Dates for your diary

8th - 12th January: Behaviour Week

15th January: Thank You Club

18th January - Sycamore Class Assembly 2.45pm

25th January - Alder Class Assembly 2.45pm

25th January: Young Voices

30th January: Parents' Evening

1st February: Parents' Evening

8th February: Thank You Club

9th February: Break up for half term

Children return to school - 19th February 2024

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

*Miss Neville, Mrs Lomax and Miss Padhiar*