

The Glapton Academy

F1 Saplings Class Newsletter

Block 1 2024



Hello and welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing summer break. Miss Shaw and myself look forward to an exciting term working with your child.

Topic

Our topic this half term is 'Once Upon a Time'. We will be reading and recalling a range of traditional tales. The children will be encouraged, through our stories, to recognise a range of any simple emotions displayed by the characters and to make links to their own and their friend's feelings and emotions and how they should begin to express them appropriately.

At the start of the term, the children will be reintroduced to our school rules. They will participate in discussions about the importance of sharing, taking turns, and following these rules. This will help them develop a basic understanding of why our school rules matter.



Book recommendation



By Julia Donaldson

SUPERWORM

Is it a bird, a plane? No its Superworm! The children have a new reading corner in class where they are learning that 'reading is their superpower'. So, what better way to start the school year with a story about a super hero? Your child will love joining in with the 'Superworm' chant in the story as Superworm and his friends try to defeat the evil 'Lizard Wizard'. There are lots of rhyming words for your child to join in with and lovely illustrations to observe.

Literacy/Communication and Language

This term in literacy, we will explore stories such as, "The Gingerbread Man", "The Three Little Pigs", "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", "Little Red Riding Hood", "Cinderella" and "Rumpelstiltskin". The children will learn about different features of a book, including the cover, pages, text, and author, as well as the concept that in English, we read from left to right and top to bottom. They will also identify the main characters in each story.

We will encourage the children to develop pencil control by making large and small movements with mark-making tools on paper, whiteboards, and other surfaces. Additionally, they will work on improving their fine motor skills and muscle control through activities like threading large beads, sorting small objects with tweezers, and playing with playdough.

A Polite Reminder

In Saplings Class, we prioritise keeping the children healthy and hydrated. As part of our school policy, we kindly remind you that if your child brings a drink to school, in addition to the milk provided, it should be water, not squash or cordial. This policy is consistent across all classes.

Please also make sure your child's water bottle is clearly labelled with their name.

Thank you for your support.