



The Glapton Academy

Juniper and Walnut Newsletter

Block 2 - 2024 - 2025

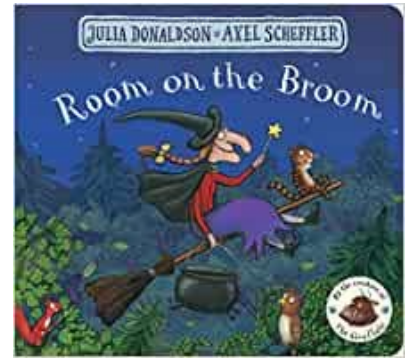


Topic - Let's Celebrate

This block, we are going to be learning about celebrations. We will talk about occasions which we celebrate and how we celebrate them. We will begin by talking about our birthdays. We will learn that a birthday celebrates the day we were born and will discuss the ways in which we celebrate our birthdays. Then we will explore Diwali, Christmas and the Chinese New Year in detail. We will learn the stories behind these celebrations then explore the different ways in which they are celebrated - looking at similarities and differences between the celebrations.

We would love for you to share any photographs of celebrations which are important to you. We want the children to understand that people celebrate different festivals but the ways in which we celebrate are similar.

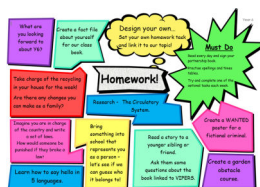
Book recommendations



Homework

A homework menu will be provided each block which can found on our class page of the school website and on dojo. 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

During block 2, we will continue to work hard in our Phonics lessons - completing phase 2 and making a start on learning phase 3 phonemes. We will continue to update dojo so you know which sounds to practise at home. We will be working hard to apply our phonics knowledge to write labels and lists, segmenting words carefully then writing the phonemes we can hear in words.

We will also be continuing to work hard on writing our names. All children should be able to write their first name by the end of this block. Some will be able to write their surnames too. Please support your child with this at home.

We will be getting to know the story 'One Snowy Night' by Christina Butler very well and will work on ordering the main events of the story and using the vocabulary - beginning, middle and end. We will use the pictures to discuss the feelings of a character at different parts of the story.

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be exploring the numerals 4 and 5. We will learn to recognise and write the numerals, order numbers up to 5 and count out up to 5 objects from a group. We will explore how to make 4 and 5 in different ways using part whole models. E.g. Knowing that 5 can be made up of $0 + 5$, $1 + 4$ or $2 + 3$. We will begin to represent this knowledge in number sentences using the correct symbols.

We will also learn about shapes with 4 and 5 sides. We will learn to name squares, rectangles, kites and pentagons and will be able to discuss their properties.

In addition to this, we will be exploring size, length and weight. We will be doing lots of practical activities to apply our knowledge from these lessons and to allow us to use a wide range of vocabulary linked to these concepts.

Maths Vocabulary

- Numeral
- Add
- Equals
- Part
- Whole
- Amount
- Length
- Short
- Long
- Tall
- Weight
- Heavy
- Light

Partnership Books

In order for children to make progress in reading, they must read regularly to an adult at home, as well as in school. Please support your child's reading journey by listening to them read as often as possible. This should only take around 5-10 minutes each day but will make a huge difference. Each time they read at home, please sign their partnership books. Tokens will be rewarded for each 20 reads and children will be able to spend their tokens in our 'book shop'.



Outdoor Play

We will be playing outside every day, regardless of the weather. Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. This half term, we will more than likely need raincoats and wellies as well as cosy coats, hats, scarves and gloves as the weather gets colder.

PE

Our PE day will be a **Thursday** this half term. Please continue to 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/joggers
- Black hoodie
- Trainers (outside)
- Plimsolls (inside)

Please encourage your child to dress themselves independently at home. They must be dressing themselves independently by the end of the year in order to achieve their early learning goal.

Dates for your diary

- 22nd November - Thank You Club
- 29th November - Flu immunisations
- 3rd December – Meet Miss Leek – Parent's opportunity to meet the new headteacher
- 11th December - EYFS Nativity
- 13th December - Christmas Fete with Santa
- 16th December - Christmas Parties
- 18th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th December - Thank You Club
- 20th December - Last day of school

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

Mrs Eden-Smith

Mrs Fletcher

Mrs Lees