



The Glapton Academy

Year 1 & 2 Newsletter

Spring - 2025



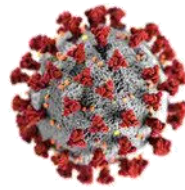
Topic Changes in our lives

For this block of learning we will be looking at events in history that have happened close to our within our lifetime.

Our first focused piece of learning will be based on the London and Paris Olympics. We will be looking at the opening ceremonies and learning about some of the amazing athletes that took part.

Our second focus will be on Queen Elizabeth II being the longest reigning monarch and King Charles III's coronation.

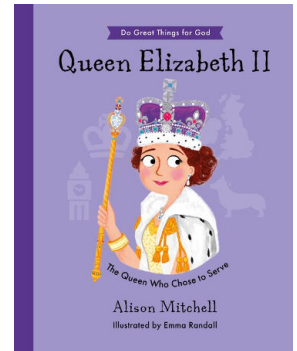
Our final focus will be on the pandemic and the effects of lockdown and how medicines have helped us through.



Book recommendation

'Queen Elizabeth II'

The Queen Who Chose To Serve
Edward VIII, abdicated and everything changed... Her father took over as King, but after 15 years on the throne, he died. So when she was just 25 years old, Elizabeth was crowned Queen and became the longest-serving monarch in British history.



Homework

All children will be given homework every Friday, which must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday.

Homework will provide an opportunity for children to consolidate their learning in Maths and English that has taken place in school. This will be set weekly.

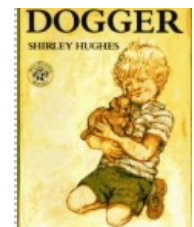
Throughout this Block of learning we would love it if the children could create something like a poster, Olympic medal, crown, even something to do with the pandemic. Be as creative as you want and then please bring them in to show us so we can make a real fuss of the children's hard work.



English

During this block of writing, we will focus on narratives, diaries and speech. Block 3 will focus on the wonderful tale of Dogger.

The children will be following the Pie Corbett Talk for Writing model. The children will get to innovate the story to enhance their writing and the story.



We will continue to work on our grammar too, recapping:

- What nouns and adjectives are.
- What verbs are and that a sentence needs a verb to be a complete sentence.
- How to create noun phrases and expanded noun phrases.

In conjunction with our writing, we will also be using different reading skills, either through phonics or comprehension sessions.

Maths

During this block, we will be focusing on our place value skills using pictorial and concrete representations.

In Year 1, we will be:

- Working on place value to 20.
- Addition and subtraction within 20.

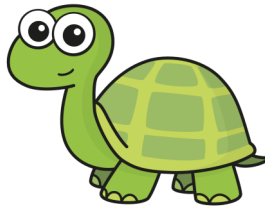
Our Year 2 children will be:

- Working on place value to 20.
- Addition and subtraction within 20.

In Willow Class we will be:

- Adding and subtracting numbers to 100.
- Multiplication and division in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Keep collecting those coins on TT Rock Stars too.

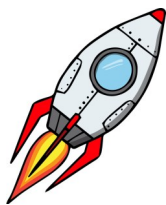


Maths Vocabulary

- Tens
- Ones
- Forwards
- Backwards
- Addition, Add, Altogether.
- Subtraction, take away, minus
- Equal to =
- Exchange
- Missing Number

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 week.

PE

Our PE day will be a

Tuesday for Willow

Tuesday for Beech

Friday for Chestnut 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 or jogging bottoms

Plimsolls or Trainers

Plain black hoodie or

sweatshirt for outdoor PE

Dates for your diary

- 4th and 6th February—Parent’s Evening
- 13th February—Thank You Club
- 17th—21st February—Half Term
- 3rd March—Reading Challenge Day
- 6th March—World Book Day
- 14th March—Red Nose Day
- 17th March—STEM Week
- 7th—17th April—Easter Break

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

Miss Morjaria,
Mr Payne,
Miss Smith