



The Glapton Academy

Year 1&2 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 - 2024



Topic

This half term, we will be learning about plants in our science topic, 'Let It Grow'. We will be working scientifically by growing plants in different conditions; learning that plants can be grown from seeds or bulbs and observing the growth of plants over time. To link with our growing we will also be designing and preparing a summer salad in DT, whilst also taking a trip to the nature reserve.



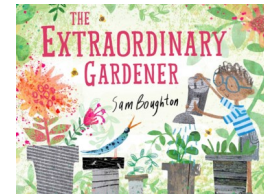
QR Code—BBC Bitesize Plants



Book recommendation

In 'The Extraordinary Gardener' by Sam Boughton a boy called Joe creates a world of imagination and colour.

Joe lives in a pretty ordinary tower block, in a rather ordinary city. His world is rather grey. However, he spends his time imagining a wonderful world filled with exotic plants and unusual animals. One day Joe decides to plant a seed on his balcony, he waits and waits but nothing happens!



Homework

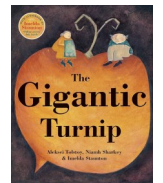
All children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed and handed in by the following Thursday. Homework will be an opportunity for children to consolidate their learning in Maths and English that has taken place in school. This will be set weekly. For each new block of learning, we will also provide a homework mat, which will cover a range of different subjects and skills that will compliment the children's learning in school.

Homework Mat

- Choose a book that is special to you and share it with a younger sibling and a friend. See if they enjoy the story as much as you do.
- Create a fact file about yourself for our class book.
- Set your own homework task linked to our History topic - Crime and Punishment.
- I must try to...
 - Read every day and have my partnership book signed.
 - Practise my spellings and times tables.
 - Try and complete one of the optional tasks each week.
- Take charge of the recycling in your house for the week! Are there any changes you can make as a family?
- Learn how to say hello and goodbye in five different languages.
- Create a 'Wanted poster' for a fictional criminal.
- Imagine you are in charge of the country and write a set of laws. How would someone be punished if they broke a law?
- Bring something into school that represents you as a person - let's see if we can guess who it belongs to!
- Set yourself three life skills challenges for this half term. Eg learn basic first aid, how to safely make a hot drink, learn your parents phone numbers.
- Challenge your maths knowledge by playing Countdown.
- Research our First Science Topic - The Circulatory System.

English

This half term, some of our writing will be based on 'The Gigantic Turnip' by Alexi Tolstoy.



We will be writing explanation texts, recounts and a non-chronological report.

Explanation Text—We will be writing about how beans grow. We will be focusing on present tense and apostrophes for possession.

Recount— To use a range of time connectives to show when an event is happening (First, Next, After that, Finally). To use apostrophes to contract some words (did not to didn't).

Non-Chronological Report—About James Wong (a botanist). We will be focusing on plurals s and es and tenses.



Maths

This half term, Year 1 will be looking at the place value to 50 and 100. They will also be working on position and direction and money, recognising different coins and notes and their value. As well as this, they will also be learning to tell the time to o'clock and half past.

Year 2 will be focusing on statistics, position and direction and a little bit more practise on telling the time so that they are ready for Year 3.

Please keep working on addition and subtraction at home as the quicker they can recall addition facts (especially number bonds to 10) the easier many areas of the maths curriculum becomes, which will help them tremendously through their time at Glapton.

When it comes to times tables, we will continue with counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. Please encourage your child to access Times Table Rockstars as often as possible to give them an introduction times tables.

The children's usernames can be found in the front of their partnership books.

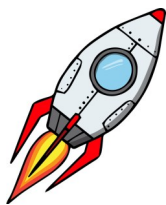


Maths Vocabulary

- Tens
- Ones
- Diagram
- Pictogram
- Tally charts
- Left, Right
- Up, Down
- Forwards
- Backwards
- Half turn
- Quarter turn
- Three Quarter Turn
- Full Turn

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 **Wednesday for Willow Monday for Chestnut Wednesday 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 or jogging bottoms
Plimsolls
Plain black hoodie or sweatshirt for outdoor PE

Dates for your diary

13th June—Chestnut Class Assembly
17th June—KS1 Sports Day
20th June—Beech Class Assembly
28th June—Enterprise Day
2nd/3rd July— Whole school transition days
5th July—Parent Drop In
10th July—Summer Picnic
11th July— Year 1 Synagogue Visit
16th July—Year 2 Synagogue Visit
19th July—Reports Out
26th July—Last Day of Term

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

Mr Payne, Mrs Layton and Miss Smith.