

The Glapton Academy

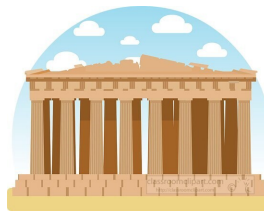
Year 6 Newsletter

Block 6



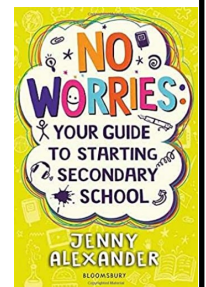
Topic

This half term, Year 6 will be embarking on an exciting exploration of Ancient Greece. Our journey will begin with understanding who the ancient Greeks were and locating their civilisation on a timeline. We will then delve into the three main types of government that existed in ancient Greece: democracy, monarchy and oligarchy. We will compare and contrast the city-states of Athens and Sparta, learning about their unique characteristics. Through the use of primary and secondary sources, we will uncover what daily life was like for the ancient Greeks before moving on to explore the fascinating world of Greek gods, goddesses, and their religious beliefs. The teachings and lives of ancient Greek scholars and philosophers will be another highlight of our topic. Finally, we will examine how ancient Greece has influenced modern life. We look forward to an enriching and engaging term ahead!



Book recommendation

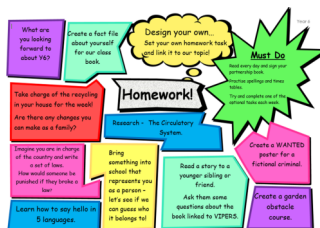
Starting secondary school is a bit like going on a safari it's a great adventure but sometimes, before you go, you can get a touch of the 'what ifs'. You may be feeling anxious or stressed about leaving primary school. With practical hints and tips, jokes and quizzes for finding your way around, making new friends, social media and staying on top of homework. This is the essential no-worries guide to starting secondary school.



Homework

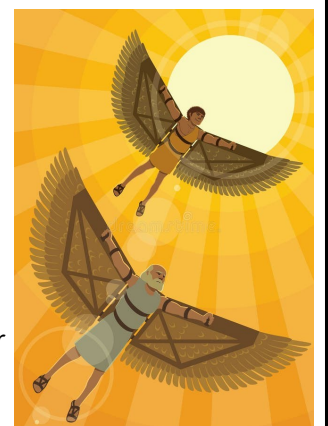
Along with their spellings, all children will be given homework every Friday. This must be completed by the following Friday. Homework given will always be a consolidation of learning that has taken place in school.

Additionally, a homework menu will be provided each half term. These tasks will cover a range of skills and the children can complete as many tasks as they like.



English

To coincide with our Ancient Greece topic, this half term Year 6 will be delving into the captivating world of myths and legends. Our focus will be on the timeless story of Icarus and Daedalus. We will explore this classic myth, examining its themes and characters in depth. We will then have the opportunity to write our own section of the story, concentrating on using dialogue to propel the narrative forward and advance the action. This will help us to understand how conversations between characters can enhance the plot and develop the storyline. We are excited for the creative and imaginative writing that this unit will inspire in our young writers!



Maths

This half term in maths, we will be carrying out some exciting mathematical projects!

These projects will provide us with an opportunity to revisit many of the skills and curriculum content covered both in Year 6 and also the rest of Key Stage 2.

The projects will allow children to explore maths in real life contexts, enabling them to see how important maths is in all aspects of life. They will also provide a great opportunity to explore and develop enterprise.

Our first exciting project will centre around the Glapton Bakery! By the end of the project, children will have made their own cupcakes and created their own packaging for them too! We will be covering lessons involving: scaling recipes; cost efficiency; and profit and loss!



Maths Vocabulary

Measure

Unit

Convert

Multiplicative relationships

Scale

Profit

Loss

Net

Area

Volume

Ratio

Proportion

Mass

Partnership Books

This term we will be continuing with our reading reward system which was launched earlier this year. 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 every time they read outside of school. 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

Our PE day will be a Friday 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

Plain, black sweatshirt

Trainers (outside)

Plimsolls (inside)

Dates for your diary

Bikeability starts– WC 3rd June

Schools Massive Technical Rehearsal at Nottingham Playhouse– 17th June

Schools Massive Performance at Nottingham Playhouse– 18th June

KS2 Sports Day– 19th June

Y6 NTU Visit– 20th June

Scholastic Book Fair– 26th June– 2nd July

Enterprise Day– 28th June

Ancient Greece Workshop– 1st July

Transition Days– 2nd/3rd July

Parent drop-in session– 5th July

Summer Family Picnic– 10th July

Reports sent home– 19th July

Y6 Leavers Assembly– 24th July

Break up for the summer holidays– 26th July

Miss Shenton,

Miss Edwards and Mrs Lees