

St John's Church of England Primary School

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength' (Nehemiah 8:10)

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Knowledge Organisers

Dear Parents/Carers,

When introducing and teaching many of our foundation subjects in school (for example history, geography, art, design and technology) teachers and children regularly use a knowledge organiser to support learning.

What is a Knowledge Organiser?

A Knowledge Organiser is a single page document that lists the important facts that children should know by the end of a topic. It is the minimum that needs to be known, rehearsed and stored over time in the long-term memory. Knowledge organisers outline the starting point for the topic being learnt. Over the course of the topic the children will learn at a deeper and wider level.

Who uses them?

The school:

- ❖ To give a clear overview of what the children learn in each subject.
- ❖ To help children develop conceptual understanding.
- ❖ To set clear expectations of what children should learn in the long term.

The children:

- ❖ To quiz themselves in lessons and at home.
- ❖ To practice spelling key vocabulary.
- ❖ To further research people, events and processes.
- ❖ As a way to trigger memories from lessons about key information.

Parents:

- ❖ To understand exactly what their children should understand and remember.
- ❖ To know what language they should use when discussing learning at home.
- ❖ To know how to support their child in learning about a topic.

How they can be used at home?

- ❖ These can be used as conversation starters with your children to find out what they have learnt at school.
- ❖ Supporting children in carrying out their own research around the topics.
- ❖ Ideas for visits such as your local library, museums and trips to explore the topic.
- ❖ Becoming familiar with key knowledge and events

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- ❖ Learning the specific vocabulary and what the words mean.
- ❖ Self-quizzing at home.

There is an example of a Knowledge Organiser attached to this letter, which gives some practical examples of how you can use them. We hope that you enjoy using these Knowledge Organisers with your child to help them to further promote interest, enthusiasm and knowledge about their learning.

If you have any questions or comments at all, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind Regards,

Mr Thomson

Headteacher