



What is a Knowledge Organiser?



At St. Andrew's we use Knowledge Organisers to help children with their learning. These are the 'go-to' documents outlining the essential knowledge that the teachers will be covering across a unit of work; including dates, key personnel, vocabulary, definitions, and other contextual or technical information. These A4 documents are shared with pupils, parents and carers – with the aim that everyone knows exactly what is being taught, and what the children need to learn.

Teachers have identified the essential knowledge within the subjects they teach, and used that to write the Knowledge Organiser content – and then decided how best to teach it, with children being exposed to, accessing and retaining content which is deep and sophisticated.

Within class, we refer regularly to the Knowledge Organisers and they are on display in every classroom. Our aim is that through regularly referring to their content and asking children to recall their detail often through retrieval practice, that the knowledge they contain will 'stick' with the children.

As a parent or carer, please look out for knowledge organisers coming home and use them as a reference guide for what your child is learning, and also, as an opportunity to discuss the facts about the topic and how much they have learned. Share them together, quiz them about what they know and learn facts and vocabulary together. Teachers will be doing the same in class, and in doing so, we hope to provide our pupils' with the essential foundations for the next part of their educational journey and beyond.