Sauncey Wood Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are introducing a new idea into school to help us develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world. Each half term, children will have access to a document called a **Knowledge Organiser.** This document contains the essential knowledge that children will need to know as part of the new topic they will be studying in class. The **Knowledge Organisers** will be on each class page of the school website.

These **Knowledge Organisers** are designed to be used at home by parents to help children learn the information contained within. We want every pupil to be able to recall the information on these sheets with as much ease as possible by the end of the topic.

With each new topic in most subjects, the teacher will send home the **Knowledge Organiser** to be learned at home over the course of the topic/subject. This knowledge learned by the pupils will enable them to approach the topic with greater confidence. Please note that children do not have to learn the exact wording of the definitions and facts included although this should be encouraged where possible. If they can put the information in their own words this is also a great confidence booster! We will also be learning the same information in class. We want this to help boost their confidence in topics and give them even more knowledge in preparation for taking their learning even further.

The best way to use the **Knowledge Organiser** at home is as follows:-

- Children read the information from the section to be learned **(with an adult)**
- They then try and recall the information (this can be written down or verbally)
- An adult questions them on the information and checks how they are doing
- The key to success is to repeat this regularly over the course of the topic
- It is also important to keep revisiting the information that has already been learned in previous weeks to keep it fresh in the memory.

We are confident that these **Knowledge Organisers** will help our children to develop their knowledge on a wide range of topics and will significantly improve their vocabulary. This, in turn, will make them more confident in class and also help to develop their core reading and writing skills.

All **Knowledge Organisers** will be made available on the school website. We will have some printed at school but do want to be as green as we can be! If you have any further questions about this, please let me know.

Many Thanks.

Mr Lloyd
Headteacher

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