



Orsett Heath Academy

Knowledge Organisers

Parent Guide

What are Knowledge Organisers?

Knowledge Organisers are documents that contain the key information, or “golden threads” that your child needs to know for that particular subject per half term. They are usually about one side of A4 for each topic, and children should aim to memorise as much of the detail on their Knowledge Organisers as possible.

What will they be doing with their Knowledge Organisers?

There are a number of strategies to ensure that your child is getting the best from these resources. Class teachers will share these as they set their homework, but the types of activities they may find useful include:

- 1) Self-quizzing: look, cover, write, check, correct

This is a simple strategy that your child can do independently, but you may find it helpful to talk to them about any errors and help them to work through misconceptions. It is probably the most effective way to use Knowledge Organisers. This is a homework that may be set frequently, because it encourages students to have a real understanding of where their own knowledge gaps are. Additionally, it helps them to become more resilient learners, because they are then able to address the misconception themselves.

2) Transformative tasks

These are a great way for teachers to check students' knowledge; to be able to adapt something; you really have to understand its different components. Teacher may ask students to apply the knowledge from their Knowledge Organiser to a different context, or present it for a different audience, for example

3) Self-editing

Knowledge Organisers are an effective way of encouraging children to check and edit their work before handing it in

How can I help?

As parents, working with our children can be one of the most effective ways to help them to gain confidence in their learning, but it can be frustrating when we simply do not know enough about the topic our child is studying, or what exactly it is they need to know.

Knowledge Organisers are an excellent tool to support you in working with your child.