



## **Using a Knowledge Organiser**

### **A guide for Parents and Carers**

#### **What is a Knowledge Organiser?**

A knowledge organiser contains some of the important information from a particular topic, summarised in just a few pages. It includes keywords, important facts, diagrams, methods and skills relating to a topic.

It is important to note that a knowledge organiser acts a starting point for revision. Your child should also be using additional resources, as directed by their teacher, to help deepen their understanding.















#### **The benefits of a Knowledge Organiser**

- By organising information in a structured manner, KO's can help to reduce cognitive load.
- Can be used to support the retrieval of substantive knowledge.
- Can help students gain a deeper understanding of a subject discipline by providing a clear overview of key themes and concepts.
- Can serve as a valuable tool for revisiting and reinforcing previous learning.
- Can empower students to take charge of their own learning, fostering skills of self-study and long-term retention.

#### **How can I support my child?**

- Ask your child to make a blank Knowledge Organiser and fill in all of the gaps without looking.
- Quiz your child weekly on key content from the Knowledge Organiser.
- Read through the Knowledge Organiser with your child, if you don't understand the content then ask them to explain it to you, explaining it will help strengthen their learning.
- Ask your child to make a glossary of keywords with definitions.
- Read out sections of the Knowledge Organiser, miss out keywords or phrases and ask them to fill in the gaps.
- Test them regularly on the spellings of key words.

## How to use a Knowledge Organiser - 'so students know more and remember more'

	Look, Cover, Write, Check	Definitions to Key Words	Flash cards	Self-Quizzing	Mind Maps
Step 1	<p>Study a specific area of your KO.</p> 	<p>Write down the keywords and definitions.</p> 	<p>Use your KO to condense and write down key facts on information onto flash cards.</p> 	<p>Use your KO to create a mini quiz. Write down your questions using the KO.</p> 	<p>Create a mind map with all of the information you can remember from your KO.</p> 
Step 2	<p>Cover or flip the KO and write down everything you can remember.</p> 	<p>Try not to use your KO to help you.</p> 	<p>Add images to help support. Then self-quiz using the flash cards. Write a question on one side and the answer on the other side.</p> 	<p>Answer the questions and remember to sue full sentences.</p> 	<p>Check your KO to see if there are any mistakes on your mind map.</p> 
Step 3	<p>Check what you have written down. Correct any mistakes and add anything you missed.</p> 	<p>Use a different coloured pen to check your work.</p> 	<p>Use a parent or carer to quiz you on the knowledge,</p> 	<p>Ask a friend or family member to quiz you using the questions.</p> 	<p>Try to make connections that links information together.</p> 