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Value of the Month: **Understanding**

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Knowledge Organisers

As a school, we regularly review the content of our curriculum. We aim to ensure that there is the right balance of both skills and knowledge that we intend your child to acquire and learn throughout the year.

We continue to ensure all children enjoy the diverse range of trips, visitors and experiences we offer to enhance our curriculum and 'hook' children into their learning.

This term we are introducing a new idea to help us develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world. At the start of each half term, children will bring home a paper 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 working on in class.

These Knowledge Organisers will be frequently used in class as well as shared with parents and carers - with the aim that everyone knows exactly what is being taught, and what the children need to learn and remember. This could include dates, diagrams, pictures, maps, key people and places, vocabulary and other contextual or technical information. Research shows that our brains remember things more efficiently when we know the 'bigger picture' and can see the way that nuggets of knowledge within that subject area link together. This essentially, helps information move into children's long-term memory.

It is an important point to note, that the body of knowledge children gain at the end of a topic will be deeper and wider than the information outlined on the knowledge organiser. Many parts of the topic will be explored in more depth to ensure all children are challenged and make progress within the curriculum.

Please use these Knowledge Organisers at home to talk to your child about what they are learning in school and discuss the vocabulary linked to this topic. Try to keep them visible/accessible and keep revisiting the information. You could try and challenge your children to a quiz to see how much knowledge and information they can re-call. This will be really helpful in supporting the children's confidence. If you have any questions about this then please speak to your child's class teacher to discuss further.

Many thanks for your continued support with your child's education.



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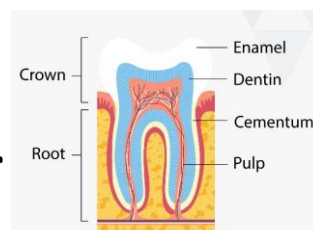


bluebells

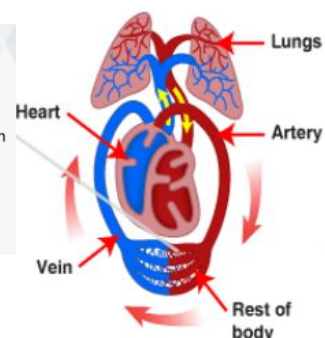
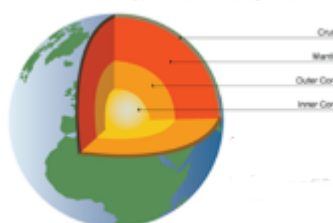


Common toads and smooth newts are amphibians.

Nicky Straccia
Deputy Headteacher



The layers that make up the Earth



Proteins helps our bodies to grow and repair. They are found in meat, fish, eggs, beans and nuts.