

# Half Acres Primary Academy

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Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to let you know that we are introducing a new idea into school to help us develop children's knowledge and understanding of the world in line with current Department of Education expectations. Each half term, children will bring home a document called a 'Knowledge Organiser' and this will replace the Curriculum Information sheet that we have previously sent out.

This document contains the essential knowledge that children will need to know as part of the new topic they will be studying in class. They are designed to be used at home by parents to help children learn the information contained in the document.

By the end of the topic we would like every child to be able to recall the information off by heart and we are asking for your support with this. We suggest that every week you work with your child to learn one or two new facts and, as the weeks pass by, to recall the ones you have already practised. We will be learning the same information in class and the teachers will be testing the children's knowledge.

We suggest that the Knowledge Organiser is used in the following way:

- Children read the information from one section (possibly with an adult)
- They then try to recall the facts (verbally or in written form)
- An adult tests them daily on the facts to see if they can be recalled
- You keep revisiting the information that has already been learned to keep it fresh in the memory. (The key to success is to repeat this regularly over the week and the term.)

The Knowledge organisers will be available on the school website in addition to the copy sent home.

The support given at home will not only widen your child's knowledge but also improve their vocabulary and their confidence and skills in reading and writing. We know that it is by working together that your child will have every opportunity to thrive and to achieve their full potential.

If you have any questions regarding these documents please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to discuss your queries.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Miss S Gardiner

Head of School

**The Head of School is the designated person for all child protection issues**