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# THE WOODTHORPE NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back! I hope you have had a lovely holiday and you are raring to go for a new half term! Please take a minute to read the reminders contained in this newsletter. It's a short half term, but it's going to be busy!!

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday 3rd March - Friday 6th March:

### **Book Fair in school**

Information will be shared with your child via their class teacher. Please drop in one day either before or after school to browse the excellent range of books.

Thursday 5th March:

### **World Book Day**

Dress up as your favourite book character!

W/C Monday 9th March:

### **Sport Relief Week**

More details to follow!!

Wednesday 11th March, 3:15pm-7:00pm:

### **Parents' Evening**

If you haven't already done so, please make sure you sign up for a slot at Parents' Evening. This can be done either by signing on the list on your child's classroom door or emailing the school office.

W/C Monday 23rd March:

### **Y6 Residential visit to Thornbridge**

Friday 27th March:

### **School closes to pupils at 3:00pm**

We return to school on Tuesday 14th April



### **Knowledge Organisers**

Each half term, your child will be given a 'Knowledge Organiser'. This will summarise the learning they will be encountering this half term in a particular area of the curriculum. Please ask your children about these and support them in learning some of the key facts. A separate guide is available explaining to parents and carers how the reasons behind these and how they can be best used in supporting your child's learning.

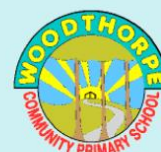
### **Mid - Year Reports**

In a change from our normal approach, we will be issuing all parents and carers with a 'Mid - Year Report'. This will summarise your child's progress to date and also set targets on which they will work for the second half of the year. We will as usual still provide all parents and carers with a summary report at the end of the year, but we hope you find this addition useful!

As always, thanks for your ongoing support! If you have any feedback or concerns then please let me know.

Regards,

Dave Smith - Headteacher



# Knowledge Organisers

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## What Are They?

Knowledge organisers are a method of supporting children in memorizing and retaining a wide range of information. Knowledge organisers are a single side of A4 focused on a specific area of the curriculum. They include facts, vocabulary and additional detail about a particular subject. The content of a knowledge organiser is designed to support your child in developing a greater depth of understanding of the particular area they are studying.

## How Are They Used?

Knowledge organisers will be shared with the class at the beginning of each half term. They will also be sent out to parents and carers via the App and website. Around this time, the teachers will assess the children's current understanding in that specific area – a pre topic quiz. Across the half term, the children will regularly refer back to the knowledge organiser, making sure the key information becomes embedded and available for them to use as the move through school. At the end of the half term, the children will have another quiz. This will be an opportunity to see how much they've learnt and celebrate this success!



## How Are They Used?

Until now, each class teacher has produced a 'Home Learning Challenge' of around 4 – 8 activities which support the activities your child will be doing in class. The Knowledge organisers will replace these with a series of 'Try this at home' challenges. In addition to these, your child will also be expected to:

- Read aloud with an adult (at least 3 times each week)
- Learn any spellings that are sent home
- Learn their times tables (each class will be focusing on a particular table each week)

Supporting your child's learning by helping with these activities is vital to their success at school and much appreciated by all staff!

Thanks, as always for your support.

## What Can I Do To Help?

- Read through the Knowledge Organiser with you child each half term
- Discuss its content and test each other on how much you can remember
- Carry out some of the suggested activities