

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm always thinking of ways to improve the learning experience for our Tilstock children. I have been working on ways to ensure that all children have all the relevant information, and knowledge to be able to learn effectively.

Because of this, I have created termly Key knowledge organisers for each class. Think of these as a document which holds all the relevant key knowledge your child will be learning about in the main subjects this term.

There are many benefits to using knowledge organisers. The main benefit is that they give children, teachers, and parents the 'bigger picture' of a topic, or subject. Some topics, such as science and maths, have so many key facts that it can be complicated, so having the essential knowledge, with clear explanations and key terms on one document is helpful for our children. Children also learn more efficiently with smaller pieces of information rather than being told about the whole topic in one go.

The other benefit is that they make the knowledge explicit. So, even if a child misses a lesson, or if you want to support your child with their learning of a subject or topic, there is a constant point of reference. The documents give everyone the same key knowledge, so that all children can have a general awareness and knowledge about their topics before they've even started learning about it.

We will email a copy to every child for Years 1-6 for your use at home. If you would like a printed copy, please pop into reception and we'll be happy to provide a printout. They can also be accessed on the class pages of the school website:

Squirrels > [click here](#)

Otters > [click here](#)

Badgers > [click here](#)

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REMINDERS & NOTICES

WORSHIP



Our Value this term: Respect

If anyone has any example of how they have shown Respect in the community, please let us know!

Medical:

We have had a case of threadworms in school. Whilst we are ensuring high cleaning standards of classrooms and equipment, and encouraging children to wash their hands, particularly before eating, and after using the toilet, please read the NHS guidance below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Click here](#) to view our upcoming events.

Events at a glance:

Seep workshop run by the school nurse team – school hall: Monday 16th January 9.15 am

Parent Writing Workshop - Thursday 26th January 9:00am in the school hall – all welcome!

Staff Collaboration Day: Friday 17th February 2023 (school closed to pupils on this day) leading into half term.

PD Day: Monday 27th February 2023

Children return to school: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Headteacher Awards this week:

Badgers: Gabs & Andre

Otters: Eliza & Sammy

Squirrels: Isaac & Thomas

Bumblebees: Gracie & Mia E

Well done superstars!

NEWS



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