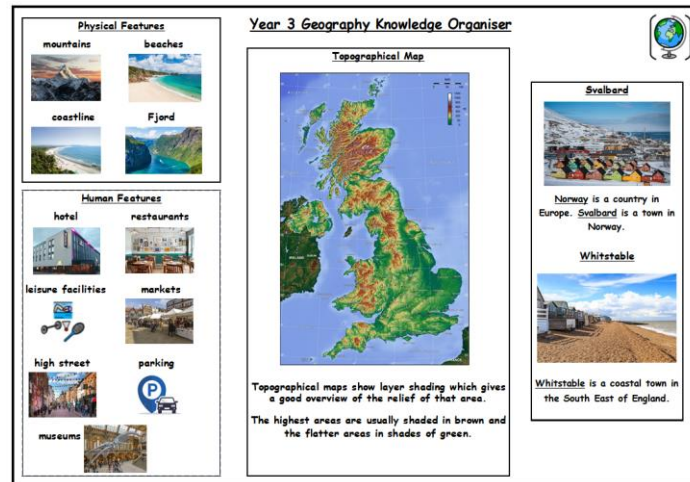


Dear Parents/Carers,

This year, we are introducing **knowledge organisers** and **word mats** to support the children's learning in science, geography, design and technology, history and art.

What is a **knowledge organiser**?

**Knowledge organisers** contain the essential knowledge your child will need to learn as part of the new topic they will be focusing on in class. They are designed to be used both in school and at home to help children learn key facts and information. Think of the key facts and information as building blocks creating a foundation for the following year group to build on. The foundations need to be secure. Below is an example of what a **knowledge organiser** for geography may look like:



What is a **word mat**?

**Word mats** contain the key vocabulary relating to the topic alongside the knowledge organiser. Again, they will be used both in school and at home. Below is an example of what a **word mat** for geography may look like:



When will my child receive their **knowledge organiser** and **word mat**?

Your child's **knowledge organiser** and **word mat** will be sent home as a paper copy and via Parentmail when the topic begins. This does mean that if you have more than one child in the school, they may receive their **knowledge organiser** and **word mat** at different times due to when topics will be started. They will also be made available on the school website.

How can I use the **knowledge organiser** with my child at home?

- ✓ Ask your child questions relating to the information on the **knowledge organiser** (for example: 'what is a topographical map?')
- ✓ Help your child to develop their understanding of the topic by visiting the library to borrow some information books relating to the topic or research the topic using the internet
- ✓ Your child could turn the information on the knowledge organiser into a mind map or poster

How can I use the **word mat** with my child at home?

- ✓ Discuss the definitions of new vocabulary on the **word mat**
- ✓ Your child could create flashcards of the new vocabulary with the word on one side and the definition on the back
- ✓ Your child could practise spelling the new vocabulary using different activities such as 'Look, Cover, Write, Check', rainbow writing (write the word in one colour, write the word over the top in a different colour and repeat), or scribble spelling (take the pencil for a walk across the page, fill each segment created with the chosen word(s) from the **word mat**). Examples of rainbow writing and scribble spelling are below:



Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.