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Dear parents/ carers,

At St. Gregory's, we are constantly reviewing our curriculum to ensure that it offers a rich variety of activities to give children a breadth and depth of knowledge. As you will have seen, our spring term curriculum maps are on our website and the children are already being introduced to their new topics.

Whilst we want to continue to give our children a range of experiences, visits and trips in each year group throughout the year, we want to ensure that they leave each theme with key facts that they can build on. Therefore, we are introducing "Knowledge Organisers" to help the children remember the key information that they need to know.

Knowledge Organisers will be sent home at the start of each topic and will cover the main facts that children need to retain and consolidate in order to build on their learning throughout their education. In each year group, Knowledge Organisers will contain key vocabulary that your child needs to know for that topic, key people, places and facts. It would be really helpful if you could talk to your child about these and help them to learn them. The facts will be built on and expanded on in lessons throughout the term to ensure that the children get a broad and rich coverage of everything that is involved.

There will be a quiz to test the children's knowledge of the key facts at the end of each topic and again at the end of the summer term which will help to inform the teachers of the children's understanding.

In order to further support the children with their understanding of their topic, we will also be introducing weekly "learning conversations" or Talk Homework, alongside their reading, times tables and spellings. Each week, your child will come home with 3 questions or topics to talk about. These will be things that have already been covered in class. The topics should facilitate an enjoyable conversation between you and your child and allow them to show off what they have learnt. If your child is particularly interested in an area of their learning, we encourage you to



spend time with them researching this further. There is no obligation for the children to write anything down or present this in any way; it is not homework which will be physically marked. The purpose of the learning conversation is to consolidate the children's learning and give them the confidence to discuss this further in class.

We hope that this supports the home school partnership and provides an interesting opening into talking about your child's learning alongside consolidating the key facts which they will need to secure in their topics.

Learning conversations will be coming home today with your child. We hope that you enjoy this new homework and look forward to hearing any feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Emily Hayfield

Deputy Headteacher