



Dear Parents and Carers,

At Westacre Middle School, we are keen for parents and carers to be involved in their child's learning as much as possible. We feel it is very important that you are fully aware of what children are learning in school. With this in mind, we will again be sending home termly curriculum letters throughout this school year. Earlier this term, you may recall we sent home your child's Curriculum Jigsaw, which detailed the key skills they would be learning across the curriculum during the Autumn term.

Alongside these jigsaws, we have pleasure in now enclosing the Knowledge Web for your child's current Creative Curriculum topic. These normally encompass a term's work, around a theme or idea, within their Art, Design Technology, Geography and History lessons. As part of our curriculum redesign and relaunch this year, we are delivering a curriculum that aims to develop a strong knowledge and skill-set for children in all subjects.

The web represents the main knowledge (facts) that children will be taught and challenged to recall in their lessons, as part of a planned scheme of learning and enquiry, and how they overlap and inter-link (hence web) within those four subjects. Each subject covers a range of concepts and ideas, split into appropriate knowledge categories that are repeated within and across our year groups.

The children's recall of these facts will be assessed in a variety of ways in school, including, "Can We Still?" questions and low stakes quizzes throughout the term.

We envisage these webs will be beneficial for you to support your child's learning and engagement with their topic. We would encourage you to have regular conversations with your child about their learning and these facts to support their recall of them. Topic homework will also encompass the facts listed and will extend your child's knowledge.

At present, we have created Knowledge Webs for the four overlapping Creative Curriculum subjects, but plan to develop similar webs during 2021 for all foundation subjects across the curriculum to support learning and knowledge acquisition in these lessons as well.

Along with the attached Knowledge Web for your child's year group this term, please also note the key vocabulary for their current topic. Those marked with * are the six most important words and definitions all pupils will work towards applying correctly in class. These words and key spellings will help students have a better understanding of what they are learning in all subjects.

Should you have any further questions about our curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Head of Year or myself.

Yours in partnership,

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