<u>Isolation</u> <u>Learning</u>



2 week pack

English

Focus- Explanation writing

Our book is:

Until I Met Dudley Wallace and Gromit Cracking **Contraptions**



Science

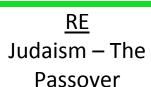
Living things and their habitats



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<u>PE</u> Dance (Mediterranean Countries) Communicate ideas Improvising using stimulus, creating short sequences **Invasion Games**

Creating Roman sandals.





Futsal











Maths

- Perimeter
- Multiplication and Division



Pine

Lime

History

The Romans



Reading MyON





Comprehension

Music-

Listen and Appraise a New Year song.



Art

Observing Roman landscapes and improve sketching skills.



Computing Learning to use internet research.



Coi	Living things and their habitats
Science	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zbnnb9q
	Find out about animals and their food chains.
Computing	<u>Internet research</u>
	https://www.ilearn2.co.uk/year-4-research.html
	Pupil code: 12AA
	This website will take you to our new topic in Computing which is how
	to use internet research.
	The Demans
History	The Romans Find out how Rome began, learn about different Roman emperors and
	discover what people in Rome did for fun
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwmpfg8
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/history-ks2-romans-index/zvgk47h
	Create a poster/power point with what you have learnt.
	https://www.hhs.co.ul/Pitestachestac
SMSC	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zw339j6/resources/1 Living in the Wider World
	Rights and responsibilities issues concerning health and wellbeing; the purpose of
	rules and laws; human rights; different cultures, customs and traditions of people
	living in the UK;; difference between rights and responsibilities; resolving
	differences;
RE	Judaism: The Passover
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwhfg8/articles/zn22382 What is it? How is it celebrated?
	Create a poster/power point with what you have learnt.
	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zx7tfg8
	What is the story of the Passover? Create a story board of what you have learnt
	from the story.
Music	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zwxhfg8
Art	Research Roman buildings.
Ait	Can you have a go at drawing them? Think about your sketching and shading skills
	you used before Christmas. We looked at line and tone. Can you use this to add
	detail to your pictures?
PE	Login to https://platform5.imoves.com/sign-up using your parent/carers email address. Once logged in, complete at least one
	active blast and one well being activity per day. Also, complete at least one dance
	lesson of your choice per week. Send in pictures or videos of you completing
	these activities on Seesaw.
	Follow the link https://primarypeplanning.com/home-pe-mini-muay-thai/
	and complete the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mini Muay Thai activities before you return to school.
MfL	Spanish- Common verbs
TVIIL	https://www.languageangels.com/homeschool/
	Username: TheGra1740 Password: lahome
	Entry level challenge
	Puedo – I can
	Lesson 1 to 5 – We have looked at lesson 1 in class but you can use this to recap.

Suggested time table

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lesson 1	English	English	English	English	English
Lesson 2	Picture news	Computing	Reading	Spelling	PE
Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
Lesson 3	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Lesson 4	History	Science	Art	Spanish	RE

We understand that some parents may be working at home and therefore there are no set times for these tasks – do them when you can, when it fits into your family timetable. The times given are suggestions. Children should be spending an hour a day on each subject. If they finish much quicker then they may need to review their work, add more detail or present it in their best handwriting.

Reading

Writing

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{Lesson 1} & \underline{\text{https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-identify-the-features-of-an-explanation-text-6tgk2r} \\ \hline \end{tabular}$

Lesson 2 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-compound-words-6wwpat

Lesson 3 <u>https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-using-apostrophes-for-plural-possession-cgvk2d</u>

Lesson 4 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-understand-and-sequence-how-bees-make-honey-cgwk2c

Lesson 5 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-develop-a-rich-understanding-of-words-associated-with-trying-hard-cdk66r

Lesson 6 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-use-precise-vocabulary-71k34t

Lesson 7 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-practise-and-apply-knowledge-of-compound-words-including-test-cdgk4d

Lesson 8 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-orally-explain-a-process-6mt3gd

Lesson 9 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-plan-an-explanation-text-69hpcr

Lesson 10 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-write-the-introduction-to-an-explanation-text-cct68r

Lesson 11 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-write-the-first-section-of-an-explanation-text-64rkee

Lesson 12 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-edit-an-explanation-text-6rvket

Lesson 13 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-write-the-second-section-of-an-explanation-text-68wkcr

Lesson 14 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-develop-reading-for-pleasure-through-book-recommendations-crrp8t

SPAG

Sentence work

Lesson 1

https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-simple-sentences-cmwp8r Lesson 2 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-compound-sentences-6wt3jt

Lesson 3 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-revise-compound-sentences-c4t3jd

Lesson 4 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-complex-sentences-60t66c

Lesson 5 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-explore-complex-sentences-c8r34r

Spellings

Lesson 1 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-investigate-suffixes-past-and-present-tense-6nhkjc

Lesson 2 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-practise-and-apply-knowledge-of-suffixes-past-and-present-tense-including-a-test-61h3ce

Lesson 3 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-investigate-more-suffixes-past-and-present-tense-cnh30t

Lesson 4 https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/to-practise-and-apply-knowledge-of-more-suffixes-past-and-present-tense-including-test-ctj68c

S&L

Read aloud to someone in your house.

Record your reading and put it on Seesaw.



Words to practice spelling.



	Look	Say	Cover	Write	Check	Correction
accept						
except						
affect						
effect						
aloud						
allowed						
weather						
whether						
whose						
who's						

Write the word 5 times practising your handwriting

Complete a word pyramid for each word Can you illustrate the word? What picture could you draw?

Write the words in a sentence



Handwriting



Continuous Cursive Handwriting Practice

	ractise your weekly spelling words using continuous cursive handwriting.
acce	ot
exce	<u>t</u>
affec	t
effect	,
atou	<u></u>
atlov	<i>r</i> ed:
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who'	S



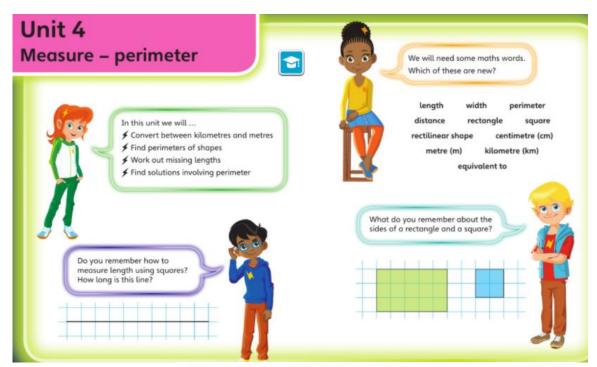
<u>Times tables/Number</u> <u>bonds.</u>



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24÷3=	6 × 8 =	8 ÷ 4 =	10 × 7 =	30÷5=	10 × 11 =
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66÷11=	10 × 10 =	24÷4=	7 × 10 =	9 ÷ 3 =	10 × 8 =

<u>Day 1</u> <u>Converting metres and kilometres</u>

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Then do the activities.

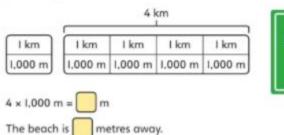




- a) How many metres away is the station?
 - b) Complete a bar model to show your answer.

Think together

How many metres is it to the beach?



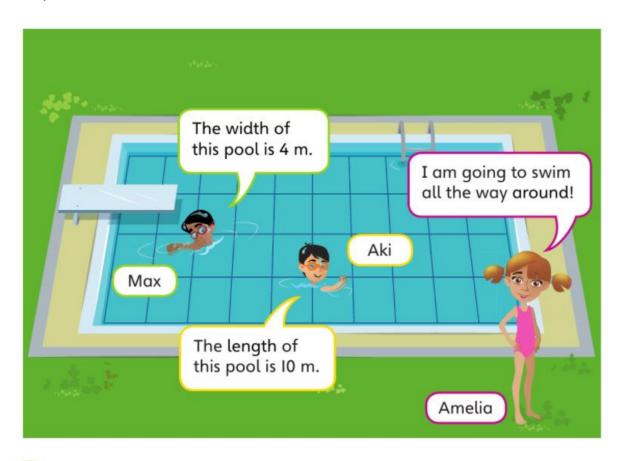


3 cm

Day 2 Perimeter on a grid

Autumn Week 9 - Measurement: Length & Perimeter | White Rose Maths

Watch Measure Perimeter Watch Perimeter on a Grid Complete the activities



- a) How far will Amelia swim?
 - **b)** Another pool is a square shape with a side length of 4 m. What is the distance around this pool?

Think together

- A swimming pool is 8 m long and 5 m wide.

 What is the distance around this swimming pool?

 5 8 5 8 8 m 8 m

 5 + 8 + 5 + 8 = 5 m
 - The perimeter is ____ m.
- What is the perimeter of this rectangle?

 5 + 3 + 5 + 3 = 3 cm

 The perimeter is cm.

<u>Day 3</u> Autumn Week 9 - Measurement: Length & Perimeter | White Rose

Maths Watch Perimeter of a rectangle

Then complete the activities

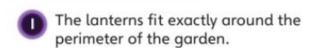


- a) Will the coloured lights fit all the way around the mirror? How do you know?
 - b) Lexi has another mirror that is the same height, but a different width.

The lights fit around it perfectly. What is its width?

Think together

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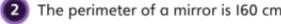
How long are the lanterns?

7 m	7 m	4 m	4 m
	? m	4.	

The perimeter is

The lanterns are m long.

The perimeter of a mirror is 160 cm.

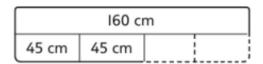


Its height is 45 cm.

What is its width?

The width of the mirror is cm.



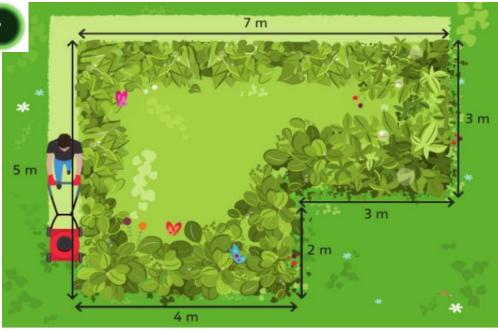


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<u>Day 4</u> <u>Autumn Week 9 - Measurement: Length & Perimeter | White Rose</u> Maths

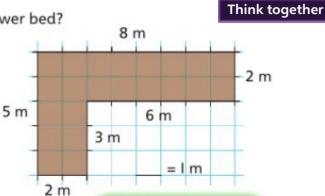
Watch Perimeter of rectilinear shapes Complete the activities

Discover



- a) What is the perimeter of the flower bed?
 - b) Draw a diagram for the shape of the flower bed on squared paper.

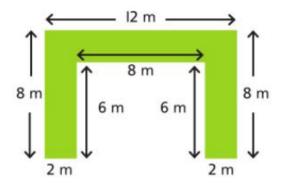
What is the perimeter of this flower bed?



The perimeter of the flower bed is ____ m

I will count the square lengths to find each measurement.

2 What is the perimeter of this lawn?



I can see some combinations of numbers that will help me add them quickly.

The perimeter of the lawn is ____ m



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Day 5 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9ymjsg

Perimeter of rectilinear shapes



- a) How long is side A?
 - b) What is the perimeter of the penguin pond?

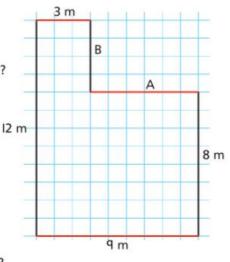
Think together

(I) a) What is the length of side A?

Side A + 3 is the same as 9.



Side A is m long.



b) What is the length of side B?

Side B is m long

I wonder if I could use my number facts to check I've added the lengths of the sides correctly.

c) What is the perimeter of the fence?

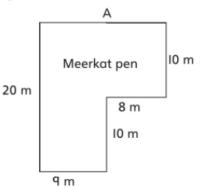
The perimeter is ____ m.



What is the perimeter of the meerkat pen?

Perimeter = _____

The perimeter of the pen is ____ m.



Maths	Number	Learn your 3,4 and 8 times tables.
		TTRS- log on to Timetables Rockstars
		Practice your speed on
		https://www.timestables.co.uk/speed-test/
		Practice on:
		https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/
		Multiplication and Division
		For this unit of work we will be using Oak Academy
	Day 6	Lesson 1: Multiplication and Division
	11.1.2021	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/multiplication-
		and-division-64r32e
	Day 7	Lesson 2: Representing word problems using bar models
	12.1.2021	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/representing-
		word-problems-using-bar-models-c4wpae
	Day 9	Losson 2: Ponrosonting 2 ston word archiero
	Day 8 13.1.2021	Lesson 3: Representing 2-step word problems https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/representing-2-
	13.1.2021	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/representing-2- step-word-problems-6nhkgt
		<u>step-word-problems-offingt</u>
	Day 9	Lesson 4:Deriving multiplication facts
	14.1.2021	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/deriving-
	11112021	multiplication-facts-c9k32r
	Day 10	Lesson 5: Deriving division and multiplication facts
	15.1.2021	https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/deriving-
		division-and-multiplication-facts-6nk62t



English - Comprehension



Skill focus: Making inferences

Opening night

Tim took another deep breath. Inside his chest, he could feel his heart pounding like a bass drum. Again, he took slow, deep breaths and picked up his script. Flicking through the pages, he read through his lines quietly to himself, mumbling under his breath. All his hard work over the last few months had been for tonight. Crossing his fingers tightly, he wished for good luck.

"Tim, are you ready? You're on in 2 minutes," said Mr. Smith.

"I think so, Sir," said Tim in a shaky voice.

"Don't worry, you'll be fine, Tim. Break a leg!" Slowly, Tim stood up and made his way towards the heavy, red velvet curtain. He pulled it to the side and stepped through.

- ·How do you think Tim is feeling at the beginning of the text?
- ·Explain how you know how he is feeling.
- ·What do you think Tim is waiting to do?
- ·What clues told you what Tim might be doing?
- ·Who do you think Mr. Smith is?
- ·Do you think "Opening Night" is a good title? Why?
- ·If you had to give this text a different title, what would you call it?



English - Comprehension



<u>BIG BEN GETS A BATH!</u>

People from all over the world come to London and visit Big Ben but one week this August, they would have seen an unusual sight!

Five highly-trained abseiling experts started cleaning all four clock faces on 18th August. It will be the clock's first scrub for 4 years. Experts think it will take a

week to complete the cleaning so long as the weather stays fine.

The Houses of Parliament clock (nicknamed Big Ben), which was built in 1859, will also be checked for damage to the dials. Each clock face is made up of 312 pieces of opal glass, which must be treated carefully. The hands of the clock were made in copper because it is lighter than other metals.

DID YOU KNOW?

Big Ben's real name is the Great Clock of Westminster which is at the top of the Elizabeth Tower (named after the Queen). The Elizabeth Tower is part of the Houses of Parliament.

To keep the climbing cleaners safe, the clock's hands have been frozen in the midday position.

- Where is Big Ben?
- 2. What year was Big Ben last cleaned in?
- Over 250 pieces of glass are used in Big Ben. True or false?
- 4. What material was chosen to make the hands of the clock and why?
- 5. How have they made sure the cleaners will not be in danger?
- 6. How many days will it take to finish the job?
- 7. What is the correct name for the building the clock is at the top of?



Isolation Diary Week 1



Success Criteria

I **can include time adverbials**: Earlier this morning, first, next, afterwards, then, finally, this afternoon, this evening, today.

David	
Day 1	
Day 2	



Isolation Diary Week 1



Success Criteria

can include time adverbials: Earlier this morning, first, next, afterwards, then, finally, this afternoon, this evening, today.

Day 3	
Day 4	
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Isolation Diary Week 1



Success Criteria

can include time adverbials: Earlier this morning, first, next, afterwards, then, finally, this afternoon, this evening, today.

Day 5	
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<u>Isolation Diary Week 2</u>



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I can include time adverbials: Earlier this morning,	first, next	, afterwards,	then,	finally,
this afternoon, this evening, today.				

Day 1	
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Day 2	
	



<u>Isolation Diary Week 2</u>



Success Criteria

can include time adverbials: Earlier this morning, first, next, afterwards, then, finally, this afternoon, this evening, today.

Day 3	
Day 4	
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<u>Isolation Diary Week 2</u>



Success Criteria

can include time adverbials: Earlier this morning, first, next, afterwards, then, finally, this afternoon, this evening, today.

Day 5	
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Online links to learning



Spellings

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqqsw6f

Sentences

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z88t97h

Geography Settlements

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zrbvjhv

History Roman Britain

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqtf34j

Times tables

https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button

Newsround

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround





Picture News





Two notebooks thought to be worth millions of pounds, belonging to the scientist Charles Darwin, have been reported stolen from Cambridge University Library 20 years after they were last seen. One of them contains Darwin's famous 1837 Tree of Life sketch in which he explored the historical evolution of species.

Things to talk about at home...

- What is your earliest memory?
- Discuss your favourite and least favourite memories.
- Ask someone you live with about their memories.
- Do you think it is important for us to have memories? Do you think they help us? If so, how?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others on our discussion board: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



Picture News



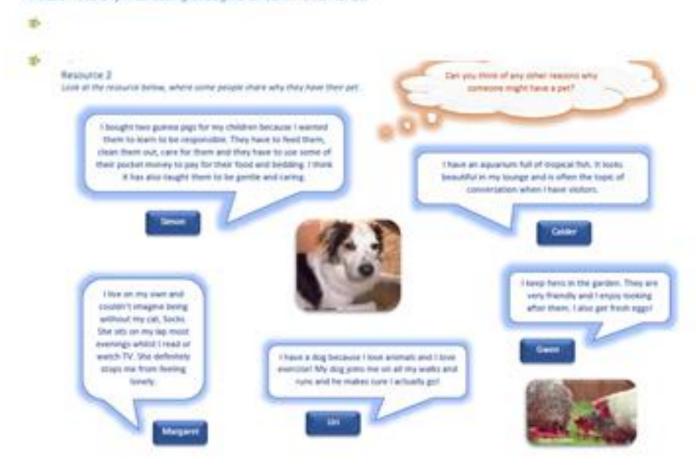


It is thought that thousands of pets were 'panic bought' at the start of the first lockdown. The Battersea Dogs and Cats Home charity have warned that the number of dogs abandoned over the next five years could increase by 27%. The charity, which rehomes animals in London and the surrounding area, surveyed 2,000 dog and cat owners who acquired a new pet during the national lockdown. It found 31% had done so despite not having considered getting a dog or cat before.

Things to talk about at home...

- Do you have any pets? If you do, do you enjoy being a pet owner? How do you take care of your pet? Is it a lot of work? If not, would you like to own a pet?
- Why do you think lots of people may have bought pets at the start of the lockdown period?
- Do you think that there should be age restrictions or other rules on who can buy pets?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...





The Active Alphabet



SPELL YOUR NAME

& DO THE WORKOUT!

A: 15 PUSHUPS

B: 50 JUMPING JACKS

C: 20 CRUNCHES

D: 10 BURPEES

E: 60-SECOND WALL SIT

F: 20 ARM CIRCLES

G: 20 SQUATS

H: 30 JUMPING JACKS

1: 60-SECOND PLANK

J: 20 MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS W: 15 TRICEP DIPS

K: 40 CRUNCHES

L: 12 BURPEES

M: 15 SQUAT JUMPS

N: 10 PUSHUPS

O: 20 LUNGES

P: 10 TRICEP DIPS

Q: 20 JUMPING JACKS

R: 60-SECOND PLANK

5: 30 BICYCLE CRUNCHES

T: 60-SECOND WALL SIT

U: 40 HIGH KNEES

V: 30 SQUATS

X: 10 MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

Y: 12 JUMPING LUNGES

Z: 30 CRUNCHES

Can you spell your best friends name? Can you spell the name of your road?



Word of the Week Recap



М	Т	Α	L	Z	R	Z	K	Ε	С	E	Α	L	0	N
N	В	F	P	Z	Υ	L	В	Н	N	Т	S	Q	Z	G
Z	C	Α	Α	P	N	I	М	I	Х	I	P	N	Т	C
E	Х	P	L	0	R	Α	т	I	0	N	I	D	J	G
K	U	Q	N	С	J	E	R	W	G	I	R	I	Q	Е
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Р	D	Υ	M	W	Q	G	Q	W	Α	D	Н	S	Е	0
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Т	Ε	W	Т	Ε	Т	С	М	Z	W	L	N	U	R	I

Can you find these words in the grid?

ASPIRE

DISASTROUS

FRACTION

DEFINITE

GEOGRAPHY

APPRECIATE

DESCRIBE

EXPORATION

INTERRUPT

These are all Words of the Week from last year. Can you correctly use each one in a sentence

These are all words of the week from last year. Can you correctly use each one in a sentence :							



Word of the Week Recap



Т	P	Q	N	L	D	M	D	S	G	Н	R	L	Q	N
L	E	L	L	Α	R	Α	P	F	S	0	Ε	Α	М	0
R	Y	С	D	C	I	U	Q	R	S	W	S	C	0	J
L	R	T	N	W	N	C	Ε	C	R	Ε	P	I	X	W
R	Z	F	N	I	В	D	I	C	D	V	Ε	S	D	P
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Can you find these words in the grid?

INFER

PARALLEL

RESPECTFULLY

MAGICIAN

PERSUADE

SCIENTIFIC

HOWEVER

MONARCH

PHYSOCAL

UNIQUE

These are all Words of the Week from last year. Can you correctly use each one in a sentence?



English – Recapping objectives



Adjectives	Verbs	Adverbs	Inverted commas
What are they?	What are they?	What are they?	What are they?
Examples:	Examples:	Examples:	Examples:
Conjunctions	Prepositions	Past tense	Fronted adverbials
What are they?	What are they?	What is it?	What are they?
Examples:	Examples:	Examples:	Examples:



English – Recapping objectives



This term, we are going to be looking at writing explanations.

An explanation text is a <u>non-fiction text</u> which describes a process, for example: the water cycle, how bees make honey or how a car is made.

By the end of the topic you will think of your very own invention, design it and then write an explanation of how it would work. Before we get there, we are going to need to practise writing explanations and understanding what makes a good explanation.

Here are some key features of an explanation text:

- -Title
- Introduction
- -Written in the present tense
- Opening statement
- Sub headings
- Time adverbials such as: first, next, after that, then, finally)
- Pictures with captions
- Diagrams
- Casual conjunctions e.g. Because, so, this causes, this results in, threfore

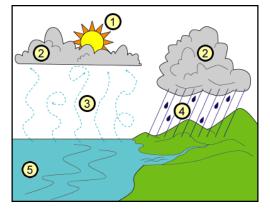
Read through the examples of explanations below. Can you find the features of an explanation text? You can highlight, underline, label or circle the features you find.

The water cycle

The water cycle is also known as the hydrological cycle. There is the same amount of water on the Earth now as there was when the Earth began. The water cycle is how the earth's water recycles itself.

The cycle includes <u>precipitation</u>, <u>evaporation</u>, <u>condensation</u>, and <u>transpiration</u>. Earth's water keeps changing from liquid water to vapour and then back again. This cycle happens because of the sun's heat and

gravity.



How does the Water Cycle work?

- 1. First of all, water <u>molecules</u> from lakes, rivers, streams, reservoirs, and the sea get heated up by the sun and then turn into vapour that rises into the air.
- 2. Next, these water molecules form into clouds, this is because a process called condensation occurs.
- 3. When the air and the water cool, they form drops of water which then fall to the earth as rain. If they are frozen, they become snow or sleet.
- 4. Once the water reaches the ground, it can flow across the land until it reaches rivers, lakes, streams, or the sea.
- It can also sink into the ground and flow because of gravity through gaps in rock, gravel and sand. Because of this, it reaches these bodies of water too.
- 5. Now the cycle begins again, when water is evaporated once more.

Why is water important?

Many of us think water will always be there for us when we want it. Without water, living things would die. You will die if you go without water for more than a week. Plants will die without water and that would kill all of the animals that eat the plants.

How to Fly a Hot Air Balloon

A hot air balloon consists of a basket, four big gas tanks, a burner and the balloon or 'envelope'.

First, the pilot puts four nylon poles into sockets on top of the basket. Then she puts the burner on top of the poles. Next, she connects the cables to the burner frame. The cables also go under the basket in order to hold everything together.

After this, she connects the hoses from the full gas tanks to the burner so that she can test it.

Next, two people hold the mouth of the balloon open while it is filled with cold air from the fan until it is quite fat and tight.

Now for the difficult bit. The pilot lies on the ground, half in the basket. She turns on the gas burner and points the flame into the 'mouth' of the balloon. This is so that the balloon slowly stands up.

When the pilot is ready to go, she heats up the air in the balloon a bit more. This results in the air in the balloon to be hot enough to get the balloon to rise off the ground.

How Do Flowering Plants Grow?

Have you ever wondered how plants grow? Then, read on...
This fascinating leaflet will explain how the plant lifecycle works.

Plants begin life as a seed. If the seed has water and warmth, it germinates (starts to grow). First, a root appears, which grows down into the soil. After that, a pale, leafless shoot pushes up towards the light.





As soon as the plant's tiny shoot is tall enough, it produces green leaves at the top. These are the factory of the plant that use sunshine and water to create food to build more leaves, the stem and flowers. This is an important process called photosynthesis. Plants couldn't exist without it!

Because the flowers' petals are brightly coloured, they attract insects such as bees. Inside each flower, minute grains of pollen are found on short stalks. The bees come to collect this pollen for their food. As they continue from plant to plant, some of it brushes off and falls into other flowers. This is called pollination. As a result, pollen mixes with tiny egg cells and this makes a seed.





Once the flower has been pollinated, the coloured petals fall off. Then, the base of the flower starts to swell up into a fruit as the seeds grow.

Eventually, the fruit ripens and the seeds are released. This is called seed dispersal. This means that the whole cycle can begin again as a new plant rapidly starts to grow.

