

# Welcome to Key Stage 3 Information Evening

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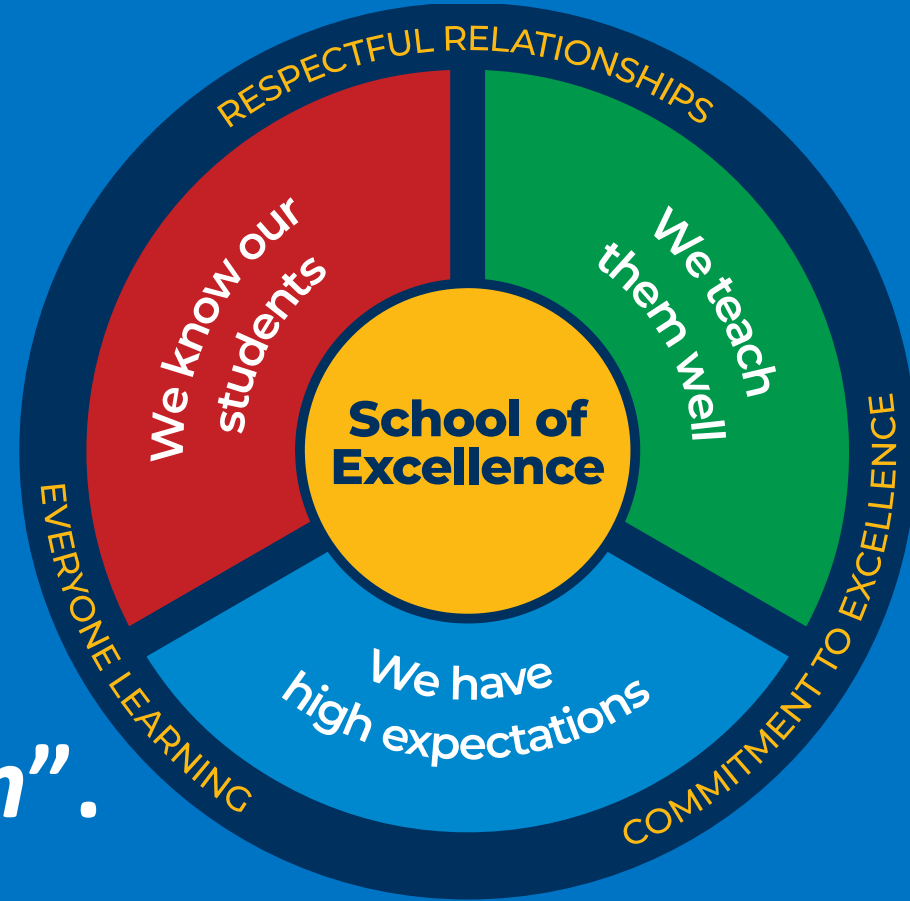
**Ofsted – GOOD in every category**



**Mrs Leigh-Bennett – A deep sense of pride**

# Welcome – Cohort 2023 and 2024

At Kingsdown  
our vision is to  
become “*a school  
of excellence,  
bursting with  
pride and ambition*”.



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# Reading and Literacy at Kingsdown

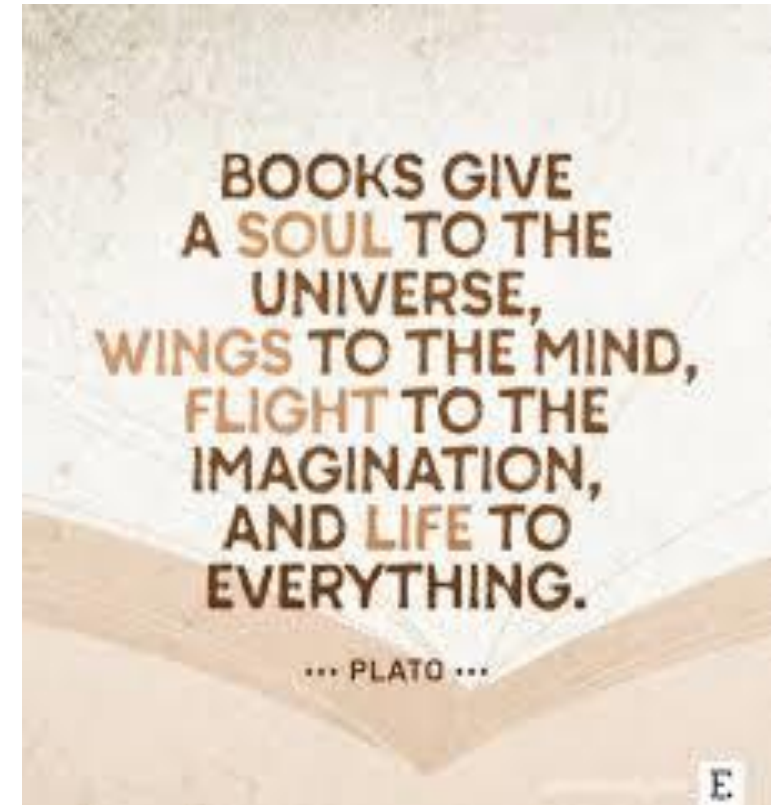
Why is reading so beneficial to school work?

Why do we encourage reading for pleasure?

The impact of reading on literacy in the world of work.

The KS3 Accelerated Reader Programme

How families can support their child's reading.



# The benefits of reading at school

Most examinations have a reading age of 16: we aim for all year 9 students to have a reading age of at least 14

Access to challenging content across the curriculum

Extending vocabulary improves articulation

Literacy improves through higher exposure to good quality writing

Reading improves concentration and memory retention (NLT)

Reading for pleasure stimulates cognitive development (NLT)

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.  
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

Child A



Reads 20 minutes  
per day

3,600 minutes  
per school year

1,800,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
90th percentile

Child B



Reads 5 minutes  
per day

900 minutes  
per school year

282,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
50th percentile

Child C



Reads 1 minute  
per day

180 minutes  
per school year

8,000 words  
per school year



Scores in the  
10th percentile

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# Why we want students to read for pleasure

Well being


Escapism

Different Cultures

Develop understanding


Creativity

Build confidence



*"The books transported her into new worlds and introduced her to amazing people who lived exciting lives. She went on olden-day sailing ships with Joseph Conrad. She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She travelled all over the world while sitting in her little room in an English village."*

*– Roald Dahl, Matilda*

 Teacher's Pet [www.tpet.co.uk](http://www.tpet.co.uk)



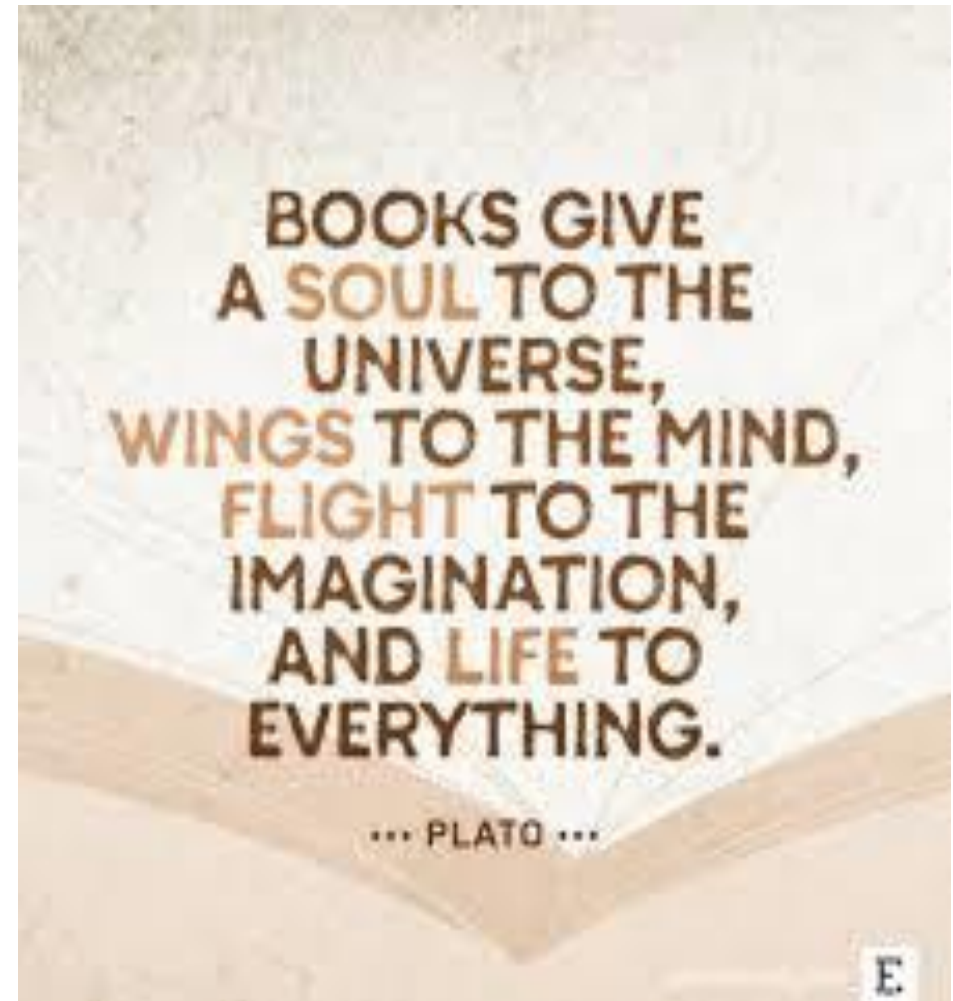
# Literacy beyond school

Cognitive development

Employment

Adult life

Empowerment



# Accelerated Reading Programme

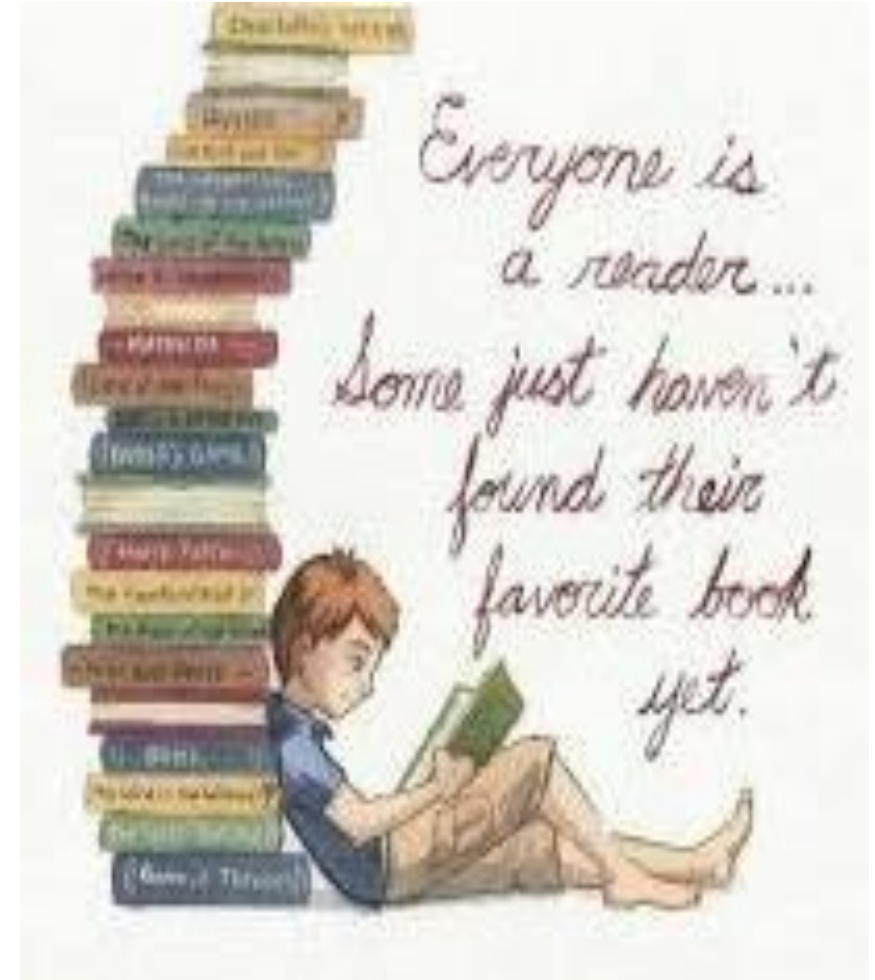
Testing

Comprehension and understanding

Access

A highly effective way of increasing students' reading ages (EEF)

Interventions



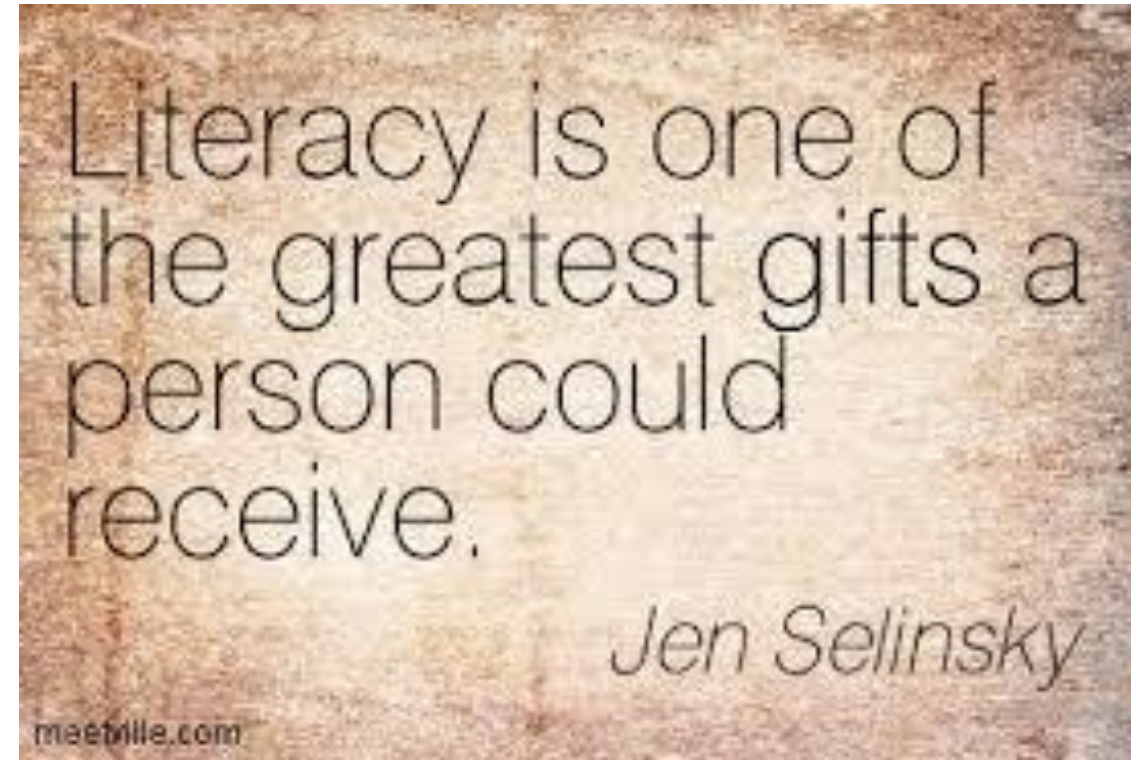
# Literacy and Reading in English

Vocabulary

Reading fiction and nonfiction  
aloud in class to develop fluency

SMHW quizzes and DNA activities

Silent reading as a DNA activity at least once per week.





# What can families do to help?

Accelerated reader book

Read for 20 minutes per day

Comprehension questions  
and opinions.

What vocabulary have you  
learnt this week?

"The more you **read**  
the more **things** you know.  
The more that you **learn**  
the more **places** you'll go."  
-Dr. Seuss

# Maths Helpful Hints

- Practice, Practice and more Practice
- Complete your homework
- Take clear and concise notes
- Ask for help
- Believe in yourself

		Factorise	Solve a quadratic	DOTS	Solving Quadratics	Complete the Square	Minimum Points	Simultaneous equations (linear)	Simultaneous Equations (Quadratic)	Worded Simultaneous Equations	Quadratic Formula
Total	%	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
16	62%	0	0.5	0	1	0.7	0	1	0.6	0.5	0.7
21	81%	1	1	0	1	0.7	1	1	0.4	1	1
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15	58%	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0.6	0	1
13	50%	0	0.5	1	0.7	0	0	1	0	1	0.7
15	58%	0	1	1	0.3	0	1	1	0.4	1	0.3
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18	69%	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0.6	1	0.7

# Maths 5 Top Tips at home

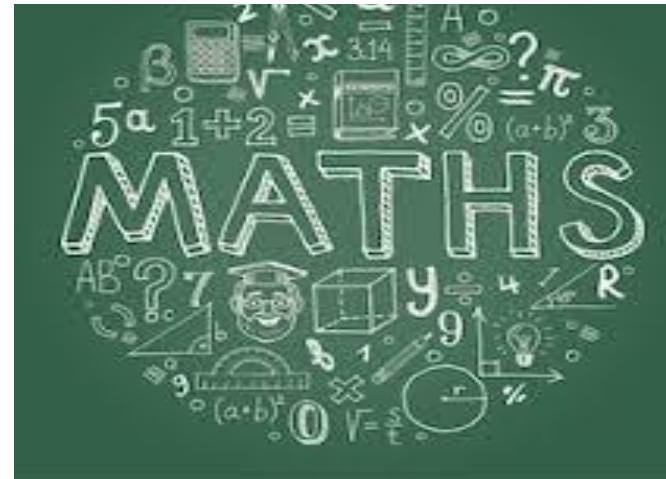
Language

Exposure

Quiet Space

Routine

Questions





# Revision Strategies

How can you help  
at home?

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# Revision Strategies

## Why start now?

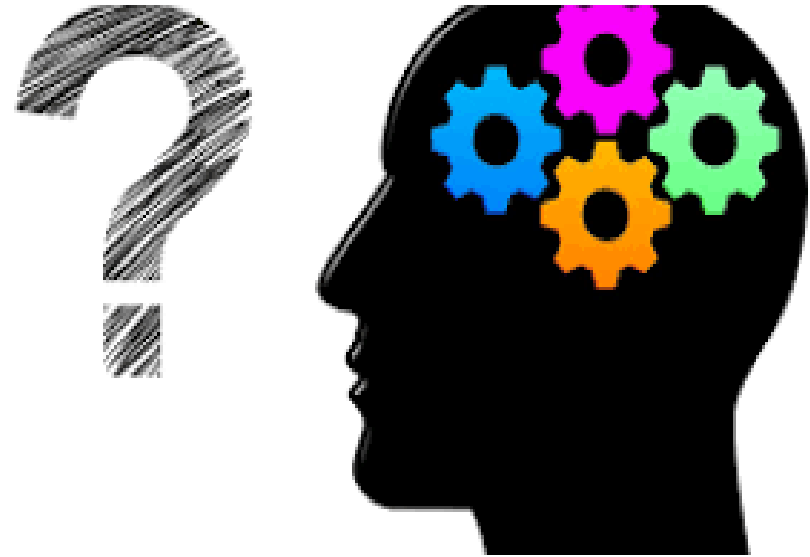
Good Habits

Conditioning the brain

Preparing for tests

Preparing for success

Reduce stress



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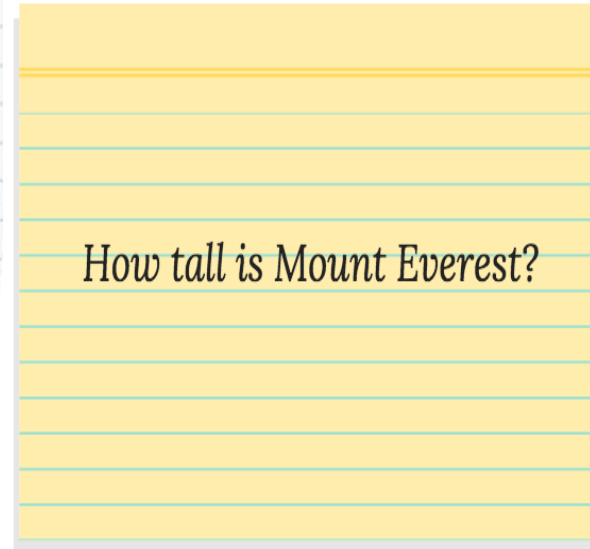
Regular testing is the key to remembering information. At the beginning all students will find it difficult to remember large amounts of information.

With regular testing it becomes easier for the brain to recall specific information.

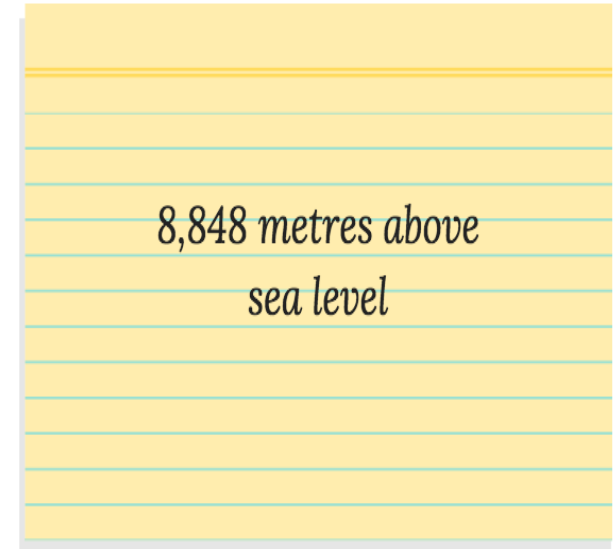
Space the testing



# Flashcards



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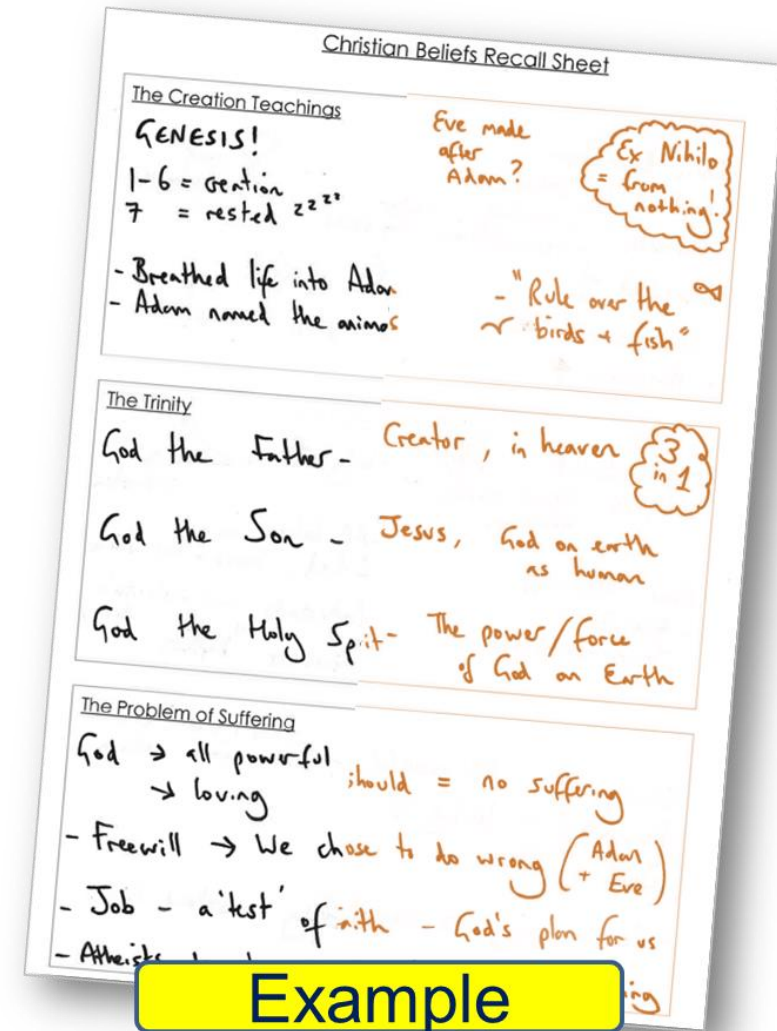
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# Retrieval Practice

Use one colour pen to write all you know about the topic **from memory**.

Then add additional notes to your work using your class notes/revision guides.

Write these extra notes in a different colour or highlight them.



# Self / Parent Quizzing

Look

Cover

Write

Check

QUICK  
QUIZ





# Your Pledge to your child



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