

In English this week...

Our literacy work this week is based on **explanation texts**.

Our work on texts this week should help you:

- ⇒ know the special features of explanation texts;
- ⇒ think about the organisation of the texts - with an introduction and then a sequence of paragraphs giving a step by step explanation;
- ⇒ spot the language features of explanations - including time or sequence and cause and effect connectives (e.g. *while, during, after, because, due to, only when, so*); verbs in the present tense and passive verbs; hypothetical language (*if...then, might when the....*);
- ⇒ plan and write short explanation texts which include the special features of explanations.

Our work on grammar, sentences, punctuation, vocabulary and spelling should help you:

- ⇒ understand some of the differences between speech and writing;
- ⇒ think about the importance of helpful punctuation and the need for writing to make good sense.