



	Learning Objective	Activity
Mon		INSET DAY
Tues	Identify the features of an explanation text	<p>Explanation texts help to explain to the reader how something works or how something happens. Over the next two weeks we will be gaining the skills to write a full explanation text on how earthquakes happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the slides for Tuesday which explain each feature of explanation texts. • Read the example text about states of matter. Examples of each feature are highlighted in different colours. • Make a key for each feature and correctly identify each highlighted one. • Can you find any more examples of each feature elsewhere in the text?
Weds	Create a glossary of technical vocabulary	<p>We need technical words in our explanation text to sound like experts!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the video link explaining how earthquakes happen. • Look at the vocabulary on the slides. • Use the video, the example explanation text and the internet to help write a definition for each of the technical words. • Can you add any more technical words and their meanings to your glossary?
Thurs	Write cause and effect sentences	<p>Cause and effect sentences help explain how things happen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look at the example on the slide. Read through the other examples of causal conjunctions. Can you think of any others? • Use the cause and effect pairs and causal conjunction list to write cause and effect sentences. • Can you make any more based on earthquakes and what you have learnt about them?
Fri	Write the introduction for your earthquake explanation text	<p>We are going to begin writing our draft explanation text on earthquakes!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think of an eye-catching title for your explanation text. • Read the recap on introductions on the slide and read the example one. • Write your own draft introduction.