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# Lower Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Spring 1 2025

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### This Term...

#### Year 3 Curriculum

##### Geography – Rocks, relics and rumbles

In Geography, the children will learn about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity. They will learn about the causes and consequences of different natural disasters and be able to identify different types of rocks by their properties.

##### Art – Ammonite

In Art, children will learn about artistic techniques used in sketching, printmaking and sculpture. They will create their own 3D sculpture and explore it through the use of photography.

##### Science – Forces and Magnets

In Science, the children will learn about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces, identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials. They will use newtons to measure the strength of forces.

#### Year 4 Curriculum

##### Geography – Misty Mountain, Winding River

In Geography, the children will learn about the characteristics and features of rivers and mountain ranges around the world, including a detailed exploration of the ecosystems and processes that shape them and the land around them. Children will study the human and physical geography of a region of the United Kingdom, a European country, and a region within North or South America.

##### Art - Vista

In Art, the children will learn about the techniques that artists use when composing landscape images, such as colour and atmosphere.

##### Science – States of Matter

In Science, the children will learn about solids, liquids and gases and their characteristic properties. They observe how materials change state as they are heated and cooled, and learn key terminology associated with these processes.

### Thought of the term...

Be thoughtful and fair  
Wisdom and justice  
InMAT value: Involvement

### How I can help my child at home.

#### Maths

In Term 3, Year 3 and 4 will learn about Multiplication and division and measurement; Money (Year 3) and Area (Year 4).

Activities which support this:  
Using a method, such as an array, partitioning or column to multiply two-digit numbers by single digits, the use of Times Table Rock Stars to learn multiplication and division facts. Encourage children to work out change from a specific amount of money.

#### English

In Term 3, Year 3 will be writing narrative stories and a persuasive holiday brochure. Year 4 will be writing explanatory texts and a balanced argument. Read a range of writing of the genres to be studied, discuss features of these types of writing. Create banks of persuasive language and adjectives.

### Dates for the diary.

7<sup>th</sup> January - School re-opens for Term 3

7<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 trip to Hindu temple

4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> February – Mindfulness workshops

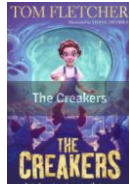
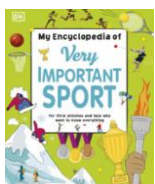
14<sup>th</sup> February – End of Term 3

#### Homework

Year 3 and 4 homework is sent out on a Thursday. Please return completed homework by the following Tuesday. Please read with your child at least 3 times per week and note this in their reading record. Children can earn golden tickets for each time they have read.

Children in Lower Key Stage Two are also encouraged to use Times Table Rock Stars regularly.

### Reading Recommendations – Year 3



### Reading Recommendations – Year 4



