



09th January 2023

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

We have lots of new and exciting activities ahead this term. We have our very exciting School Ventures residential to Ferny Crofts for Year 4 (**March 24th-26th**).

As well as a daily diet of maths and English, the children will also have the following lessons weekly: Science, PSHE, RE, French, Computing, Music, History, Geography, Art and DT.

Please see below our curriculum overview for the Spring Term. We are really excited about our new topic learning.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding your child's learning.

Annie Edser
Phase Leader

Curriculum Overview - Autumn Term

English The children are beginning the new year by looking at a variety of genres of texts including: poetry, narratives and non-fiction texts. Alongside our English lessons, we will also be following a spelling scheme which will be taught daily. Please support your children with their Literacy and reading skills by reading at home for at least 20 minutes every day.	Maths Both year groups will be focussing on <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number and place value• Number- addition and subtraction• Number- multiplication and division We will also focus on developing and applying the four number operations in word problems using problem solving and reasoning. We are helping pupils to select appropriate tools to assist their learning, including concrete apparatus and abstract bar models. In addition, we will continue to practise our times table daily. Please can we ask that you support the learning of times tables at home to increase fluency as this will really help your child in maths, enabling them to develop even greater confidence.
Art: Ammonite This project teaches children about artistic techniques used in sketching, printmaking and sculpture. We will also be sketching and examining real fossils and looking at the work of Mary Annings.	PSHCE We will be following the Jigsaw PSHE programme looking at 'Dreams and Goals' and 'Healthy Me'.
French This half term, we will be practising common phrases used in French to support the children's articulation and understanding of grammatical structure.	Science: 'Forces and Magnets' This project teaches children about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials.
Geography – 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles' This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.	
DT- 'Making it Move' This project teaches children about cam mechanisms. They experiment with different shaped cams before designing, making and evaluating a child's automaton toy.	