

Hornby St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter Summer 1

BELONGING, BELIEVING, SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

'I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full.' (John 10:10)

Welcome to Key Stage Two. There will be lots of great learning opportunities to enjoy this half term. We hope you find this newsletter informative. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teachers.

This term, as part of our history lessons we will be studying how Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will explore the different challenges of survival for early man; know how tools changed during the Stone Age to make hunting more successful; understanding how they developed permanent shelters and built hill forts.

In **English** we will be reading the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will be making predictions about the text before writing a character description, a short news bulletin, a letter of advice, a logbook entry and finally a mystery narrative.

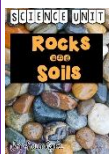
Maths this half term, we will focus on:

Year 5/6 - Calculating with decimals, finding and understanding the link between fractions, decimals and percentages and finding percentages of numbers.

Year 3/4 - Measuring mass and capacity. We will be understanding how to find equivalent measurements and comparing measurements. We will then return to our fraction work and learn how to add and subtract them.

In **Science**, **Year 3/4** will be study rocks and soils whereas **Year 5/6** will be studying evolution and inheritance.

In **Year 3/4**, we will be understanding that rocks are solid, naturally formed materials made of minerals. We will be comparing and grouping rocks by their properties (hardness, permeability) and learn the three types - igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic - along with how fossils form and that soil is composed of broken rock and organic matter.



In **Year 5/6**, we will be focusing on how living things change over time and pass traits to offspring. We will look at fossils and Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection. We will learn that while offspring resemble their parents, variation allows better-adapted individuals to survive and reproduce.



In **French** lessons we be looking at 'Our School', which will cover classroom objects, pencil case items, subjects and instructions.

In **PE**, on **Wednesdays** we will be developing our net and wall skills. The children will be consolidating their throwing and catching skills, before becoming more confident with using a racquet. On a **Thursday** afternoon, we will be practising more of our gymnastic skills. We will be learning how to perform different balances, moving and travelling using all parts of our bodies, and knowing how to perform jumps before linking them all into a sequence.

In **Art**, we will be exploring prehistoric art, recreating the style of cave artists using charcoal and natural pigments. We will experiment with colour mixing, and creating a large-scale artwork.



Our **SCARF PSHE** theme this half term is all about "Rights and Respect." We will be looking at the role of a bystander; why we pay taxes; understand the difference between facts and opinions; and what happens in an election and how laws are made.

In **RE** this half term our unit will be focussed on the question:
Why Are Holy Buildings and Places Important to People of Faith?

How can I help at home?

- Please encourage your child to read at home, at least three times per week.
- A homework challenge sheet has been sent again, so please help your child with the ideas suggested on it.
- Spellings - Spellingframe.co.uk
- TTRockstars - Please encourage your child to go on this, at least three times a week.



Many thanks for all your continued support, *Miss Bloomfield and Mrs Evans*