

Hornby St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter Spring 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 One. 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.

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

This term we are beginning our **Inventions** theme in which we will use to explore key areas of learning across the curriculum. Our main focus this half term will be History, our enquiry will answer these questions:

1. *What are toys? What do we play with today?*
2. *What toys did children play with in the past?*
3. *What toys did children play with in the past?*
4. *How do we know about toys from the past?*
5. *How has technology changed toys?*



In **English** we will be using the story Dinosaurs and all that rubbish as a basis for our writing.

We will follow a phased approach to develop our reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, and grammar skills using this text. We will also be paying particular attention to letter formation ensuring that letters are formed correctly.



Our **Maths** learning this half term, will focus on Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division. We will continue to build on our knowledge of number bonds to better understand the relationships of number within these areas.

In **Science**, we will be investigating Uses of Everyday Materials. We will be learning about different types of materials, their properties, what the materials are used for and why. We will work scientifically by investigating the advantages and disadvantages of different types of materials and making decisions about which is the best material for a specific purpose. In addition to this, we will be continuing to make observations about seasonal changes.



In **RE** this half term our unit will be focussed on the question:

"What made Jesus special?"

We will explore Bible stories that reveal Jesus' power and divine nature whilst talking and thinking about how and why Christians believe Jesus was/is the Son of God.

In **Computing** we will be learning about 'Creating Media: Digital Music'. We will be studying how to identify and create patterns in music using computers whilst also experimenting with sound and musical patterns to review and refine our very own musical piece.



In **Music** lessons, we will be exploring Folk Music. We will listen carefully to a variety of pieces of music from this genre

In **PE**, we will be focusing on Dance ready for our showcase performance on: **Tuesday 12th February.**



In addition to this, children will also be **swimming** on a **Thursday** afternoon.

In **Art**, we will be focussing on the artistic skill: printing. During the unit the children will explore materials around them to understand how we can use repetition, pattern, colour, line, shape, and texture to make images.



Our **SCARF PSHE** theme this half term is all about "Being my best."

Key dates this half term

Friday 13th February- INSET day (School closed)

How can I help at home?

Reading books will be sent home daily.

Please spend time each evening reading with your child, talking about the text and any challenging vocabulary. Please return reading books and signed Reading Record books to school each day. In addition to this, your children also have access to Spelling Frame to practice their weekly spellings Thank you.



Spring 1 Homework Challenge

Can you create a boat that floats on water for at least 30 seconds? Think carefully about the different materials you could use.