

Information for Teachers

The materials in this educational resource have been developed to support your visit to Honister Slate Mine. They have been written to support many areas of the Key Stage Two National Curriculum. They provide starting points for your pupils before, during and after a visit to the mine.

It is intended that the materials will form part of a practical, first hand approach to the teaching of Literacy, Numeracy, English, Geography, History, PSHE, Citizenship, and as a support to other curriculum area needs. The materials have wide ranging possibilities and can be easily adapted to suit the needs of your class or groups.

The photographs and pictures are all original artefacts which, when combined with a visit to Honister Slate Mine, provide an exciting and motivating opportunity for all to develop the skills of creativity, enquiry and presentation. Children can then report their findings through discussion and debate, ICT presentations, drama etc. as well as in written forms that the National Curriculum requires.

The resources are structured in a range of areas of interest. Each of these areas of interest have an **introductory sheet of key questions** about a photograph or picture to stimulate discussion and thinking. The pupils can formulate their own ideas, thoughts, prompts and questions on the **ideas sheet** and finally use the **worksheet** for their recording, if you or they wish. This evidence is suitable for inclusion in a portfolio of progress and attainment.

