



Summer  
2021

How has our local  
community changed?

Year: 3

# The Project

Our project got us to reflect on how our local community has changed. It focused around what life was like in the past (during mining), what our lives are like now and what we want the future to look like.



## The Present

We started off with a sparkling start and thought about what our lives were currently like. We discovered a time capsule in the school grounds containing COVID-19 related items.



## The Present

We reflected on how resilient we had been during lockdown and thought about the memories associated with lockdown.



## The Present

We explored the different items and we remembered why they were significant.



## The Present

We thought about how we were feeling and explored the book 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. Then, we created a mood board to reflect our emotions.



# The Past

Next, we invited two experts to share what life used to be like during mining times. We thought what the questions we might want to ask them.



## The Past

John shared his mining experiences with us and we learnt about daily life as a miner. We used this information to write a biography of about the daily life of a miner. We also wrote a 'thank you' letter to John to show our appreciation.



# Geography

We located different cities, counties and mining towns in geography.



# Science - rocks

We thought about the world we live in and how rocks and soils were formed.



## Science - rocks

We learnt about sedimentary rocks and how they are formed in layers.



## Science - rocks

We looked at how igneous rocks are formed when the lava melts rocks to form new rocks.



## Science - rocks

We learnt how fossils are made and recreated them out of playdough.



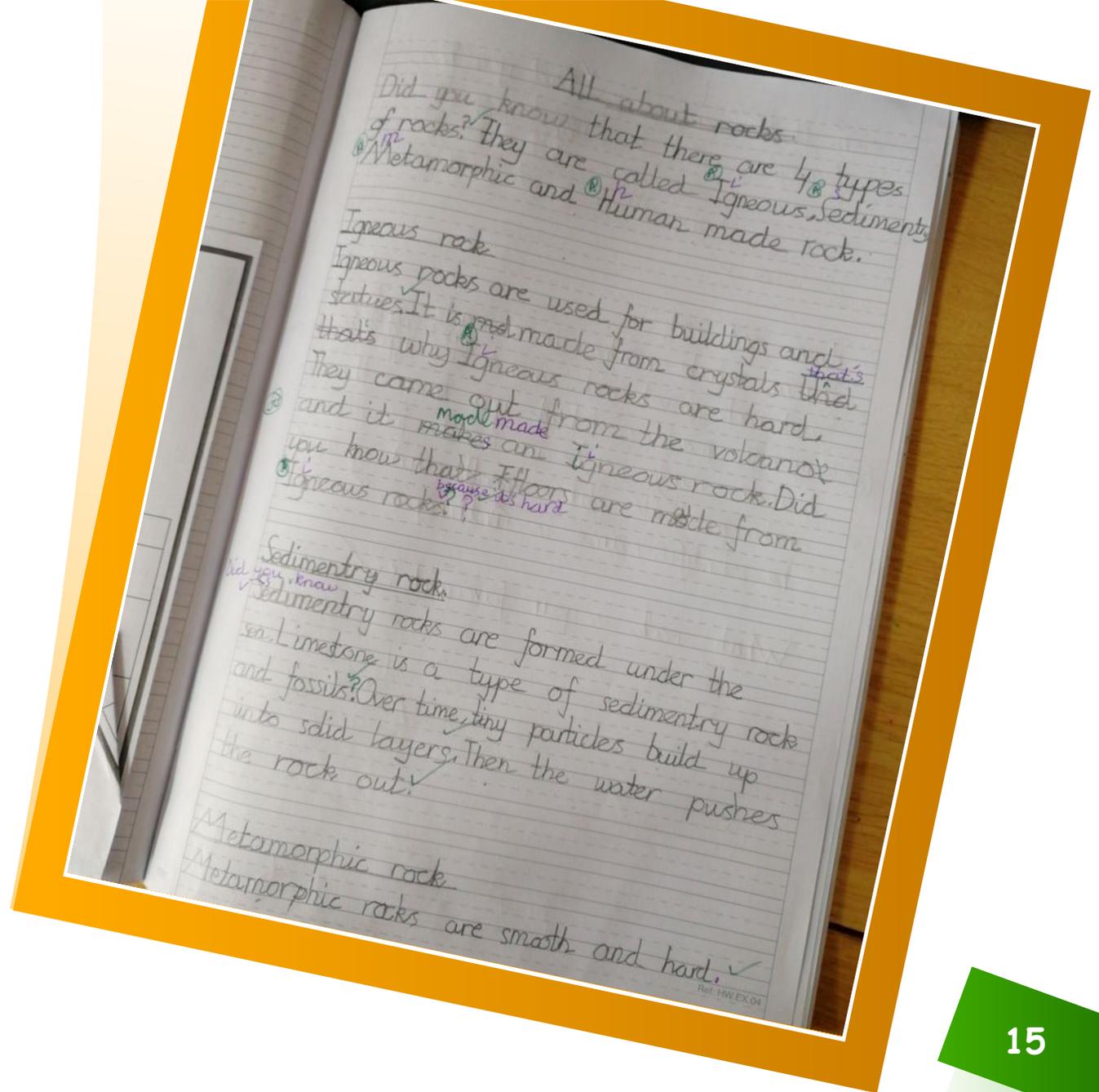
# Science - rocks

We compared the similarities and difference between different types of rocks and we thought about the importance of coal.



# Rocks report

We wrote a report, in English, about the four main type of rocks.



# ICT - rocks

We created a database that identified different types of rocks.

| Rocks     |                         |                |                  |       |                 |   |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|---|
| Rock name | Sedimentary or igneous? | Colour of rock | Smooth or rough? | Shape | Use             | Picture   |
| Sandstone | Sedimentary rock        | Golden         | Rough            | Flat  | Building things |  |
| Granite   | Igneous rock            | Grey           | Rough            | Bumpy | Countertops     |  |
| Coal      | Sedimentary rock        | Black          | Rough            | Bumpy | Electricity     |  |
| Basalt    | Igneous rock            | Black          | Rough            | Bumpy | Construction    |  |

# The future

We learnt about climate change and we designed a future, more eco-friendly Rotherham.



## Bringing Us Together

We concluded the project by performing the song 'Bringing Us Together' and thinking about the importance of community.

