

Dear Year 3 parents

Welcome to Summer in Year 3! This half term, we will be embarking on the children's first school residential to Castleton. A lot of our topic will be heavily linked to our visit. We will be focussing on map skills and comparing the two localities of Heaton Moor and Castleton in our topic entitled, 'Home and Away'.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr Worth and Mrs Barrowcliff

English

We are going to be building upon our narrative writing which we completed before Christmas by revisiting aspects of the topic during this half term.

The children will write a setting description, object description and a dialogue between two characters. Together, this will form the basis of sections of a narrative story.

We will also be using the book "A stone in my pocket" to support our writing and reading sessions.

Geography

This topic provides the perfect opportunity for map studies. The children will learn about OS maps and the symbols and nomenclature associated with them.

In Human Geography they will debate the pros and cons of tourism in the Peak District and the conflicting demands of residents and visitors.

Physical Education

Children will be focusing on athletics and learning to play rounders this term (games on Friday) and will be swimming until the end of the summer term. Please do remember your swimming kit on Tuesday morning.



Home and Away

RE

In RE, we will be finishing our work on religious festivals before moving on to asking the question "What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?"

We will be having two visits from members of our local church to support us with this topic.

Computing

The children will create a Google Slides presentation about our visit to Castleton with information, pictures and hyperlinks.

We will also be finishing our work on emails before moving on to learning about branching databases.

Science

Our Y3 National Curriculum science unit is, 'Rocks'. The children will make close observations of sets of rocks. They will learn how different rock types are formed including igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. We will be creating our own rocks from chocolate! The formation of fossils in sedimentary rock is another area of study that most children find exciting with its link to prehistoric creatures. Finally, the study of different soils provides further opportunities for practical work.

Mathematics

After Easter, we will be first learning about mass and capacity.

We will also be moving on to looking at shape where we will be learning about properties, angles, nets and how to draw them accurately.

We will then move on to a unit all about money. We will look at recognition of coins and notes, adding and subtracting money and change.

We will also be teaching the 8 times table. Times tables and weekly arithmetic tests continue.

Music

We will be learning to identify the different value of notes.

We will count and measure rhythm and pace within the music that we listen to. We will discuss tempo, structure and texture.