

Dear Year 3 parents

Welcome back. This half-term we will be building on our fabulous residential trip to Castleton with our final Year 3 topic entitled, 'Home and Away' The focus is geographical, and scientific as we compare the two localities of Heaton Moor and Castleton.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14th June. School Swimming begins and continues until Tuesday 19th July.

Friday 1st July. Summer Fair.

Monday 4th July. Get Active Week.

Wednesday 6th July. Sports Day.

Thursday 7th July. Meet your new Y4 teacher.

Monday 25th July. School closes for summer holiday.

English

The children will recount their visit to Castleton and make use of paragraphing together with time connectives and other features associated with this text type. Spellings continue with a weekly test every Tuesday and the focus moves to the national curriculum appendix of Year 3 and 4 words.

Spanish

The children will be learning how to ask what the weather is like, '¿Que tiempo hace hoy?' and replying with phrases such as 'Hace sol' or 'Hace viento'.

Physical Education

Children are continuing with their athletics and will be swimming every Monday morning until the end of term. Please do remember your swimming kit on Tuesday morning. Children who are not swimming will be left in a colleague's class.



Mathematics

The children will learn how to use measures of length, mass and capacity and solve problems with all three. They will learn to recognise Roman Numerals to 12.

As they approach the end of the year, we will revisit standard column methods to add and subtract.

Our science topics will provide us with opportunities to collect data and deal with statistics in tables and graphs.

Science

We have two outstanding Y3 science topics to cover this half term. 'Plants' and 'Animals Including Humans'. In 'Plants' the children will investigate the requirements that plants need to grow well and learn the function of the different parts of a flowering plant. In 'Animals Including Humans', we will make links to Get Active Week by measuring pulse rates before and after exercise and look at the importance of healthy eating. The children will also consider why they need a skeleton and classify vertebrates according to their characteristics.

Computing

The children will create a Google Slides presentation about the 'Three Rocks Walk' that they made during their visit to Castleton. This will be a map with hyperlinks to pages that detail the historical and geographical attractions that they encountered.

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. They will build a 3D representation of The Hope Valley. In Human Geography they will debate the pros and cons of tourism in the Peak District and the conflicting demands of residents and visitors.