

Homework –

Friday 15th March 2019



Miss Cartwright



Dear Parent/Carer

I have included a picture of York Minster (the cathedral of York) to introduce the proposed list of trips that all children will go on from September – the intention being that we will have introduced children to cultural events that will “help engender an appreciation of human creativity and achievement.” They will go on three of these trips a year and by the time they are 11, they will have a good idea of some of the cultural wonders in this country. These will not be the only trips they go on, of course, but this should provide a real boost to their understanding of what is beautiful within a drive from Conisbrough. How wonderful it would be for children to attend a Christmas service at St Peters (which is a cultural wonder and the oldest building in S. Yorkshire) and then to visit a Cathedral to look at an architectural wonder of the medieval period©. This is not quite a definitive list, but these are pretty much the trips that we are thinking of.

Reception, Y1 and Y2: A stately home, the Railway Museum, Conisbrough Castle and another Castle, a zoo, a theatre (to see a play, music or dance) Eureka Museum, Yorkshire Sculpture Park, The Deep (and the Humber Bridge) and a windmill and wind turbine.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6: National Space Centre, a coal pit, a visit to the Peak District (to look at the Iron Age forts) A lighthouse and Flamborough Head, A Cathedral, Castle Museum (in York), Whitby, Beamish, the Derbyshire Caves, the theatre to see a Shakespeare play, a residential and an art museum (possibly the Lowry or the Hockney museum.)

We think that any child who has had access to all these trips will certainly have a good idea of the cultural capital on offer within driving distance. This is also part of the school’s ambition to ensure that children have access to a wide vocabulary that will help them to get on in life and so there will be lots of work going on around the specific vocabulary associated with these trips (for example, you couldn’t visit the Derbyshire caves without using the words: stalactite, stalagmite, Blue John stone, minerals, fossils etc.) The same sort of widening of vocabulary would occur on each trip, which is a major part of the school’s aim as we try to equip children for the best possible start in life.

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Signed:

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