

Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing and restful Easter break. The summer is finally upon us and hopefully so is some lovely weather! Please be mindful that with the warmer weather does also come the dreaded hay fever! If your child does suffer from hay fever during the summer months, please ensure that they have been given any medication they may need before coming to school. We will be heading outside as often as we can during the school day so please ensure your child is bringing a sun hat to school and has applied sun cream in the morning. A lightweight raincoat is also recommended.

Curriculum

Our new topic for this half term is another Geography-based topic: The UK. We will be looking at where the UK sits on a world map, as well as its position in Europe, reading 4 figure grid references using an atlas to locate features on a map, looking at the location of key cities in the UK using a map, studying the climate of the UK compared to other European countries, comparing urban and rural parts of the UK and looking at the symbols used on a map. We will also be looking at the four countries that make up the United Kingdom as well as some of their most famous landmarks and cities!

English

In our English lessons, we will be starting the topic by writing our own poetry based around the UK and its famous landmarks. We will be looking at how we can use imagery to paint a picture in the reader's mind as they read or listen to our poems. We will then publish our poetry using watercolours to create a beautiful background to write our poem onto. We will also revisit Narrative writing to develop our story-writing, writing stamina and description through adjectives, adverbs, sentence openers, dialogue using inverted commas, and sentence structure.

In our Grammar lessons, we will be looking at prepositions and prepositional phrases, writing in the present-perfect tense and using paragraphs accurately in our writing. Please ensure that, if your child is writing anything at home, you are encouraging them to check for capital letters and full stops, as these are crucial in their writing fluency.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will be learning about Mass and Capacity, reading scales to measure different amounts and work out increments on different scales, comparing measurements such as grams and kilograms and converting the two, adding and subtracting different masses and using a range of measurements including millilitres and litres. The children will then be continuing their learning by going back to learn more about adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and finding fractions of amounts.

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Times tables underpin all of our maths topics and it is important that our children are confident in quickly recalling both the multiplication and division facts in any order: we hope that they continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars as well as any other methods they enjoy to practise their times tables at least 5 times a week.

PSHE

In PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economics) this term we will be looking at the unit, Relationships. In this unit, the children will explore the different roles and jobs that they may take on in the future whilst challenging gender stereotypes. We will look at the different roles within a family unit and who might take on these roles. We will look at the importance of friendships and how to nurture these friendships as healthy, balanced relationships. Linking with our Computing, we will also look at how to keep safe online and ensure our online relationships are safe. We will then move onto looking at our role on a more global scale, and how we can all play our part in keeping the world a safe and sustainable place to live, as well as looking at the rights that we all have as global citizens. We will finish the half term off by looking closely at our own circle of friends and how we can show our friends appreciation.

PE

PE is still timetabled for Tuesdays and Fridays. Please make sure everything is named so that we are able to quickly and easily reunite children with any misplaced items. Being active during P.E. is an important part of the message of healthy living that we promote at Connaught and we aim to encourage full participation in P.E. at all times. As the weather is now getting warmer, please make sure that the children have suitable shorts and t-shirts.

Equipment

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with the essential equipment they need to learn effectively. This includes a pencil, rubber, ruler, whiteboard pen, and a red pen. Having these items helps them fully take part in lessons and stay organised.

And finally...

As always, we are always outside at the end of the day and available should you wish to speak to us. If you would like more time, an appointment can be arranged at a time that suits you. Class email accounts are regularly monitored and this is often the best way to pass on quick notes or to ask questions. Please be aware that, although these are monitored regularly, we do have a 48-hour response time and teachers are teaching their class during the day and so may not have time to respond immediately. ParentMail or our answerphone should be used to communicate any illnesses or absences.

Kind regards,

Mr Weeks Miss Knight Ms Maguire Mrs Youle

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