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28th February 2025

Year 3 Mapping and Orienteering Skills – Visit to Carding Mill Valley

Dear Parents and Carers,

During the Autumn Term as part of our Geography unit 'What Can Maps Tell Us?' we learnt about mapping and orienteering skills. As part of this unit, we completed some fieldwork to put these skills into practise, including a local walk to Bilbrook. To support our fieldwork skills further, we have arranged a trip to the National Trust's Carding Mill Valley, located in Shropshire. The trip will consist of a number of mapping and orienteering activities led by the National Trust Children and Young People Team. Our visit will be taking place on the **26th March 2025**.

We shall be travelling via coach and will depart from school at 7:45am to arrive at Carding Mill Valley for a 9am start. **Children will need to arrive at school by 7:25am for a prompt departure.** We will leave Carding Mill Valley at 2:30pm to **return to school between approximately 3:30pm – 4pm.** A Marvellous Me will be sent to inform you what our anticipated time of arrival will be for you to collect.

Please ensure that your child comes to school in their Games Kit: Logoed red hoodie, logoed white t-shirt and black jogging bottoms. Children must also bring a pair of wellies. Most of the day will be spent outside, therefore whatever the weather. To get the most from the day children will need to be suitably dressed.

Below is a list we suggest children to wear:

- A warm, waterproof coat.
- A **spare set of clothes** in case they get wet.

Your child will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink in a **named carrier bag**. Please ensure all packaging can be thrown away including drinks bottles, as everything will be disposed of. Please only send a suitable amount of food for the trip. No fizzy drinks or glass bottles.

The cost of the Trip is **£30** which includes the entrance fee for all activities during the day and coach transfers. Payment for the visit is to be made through ParentPay. When you make the payment, you are **giving permission** for your child to attend the trip. **Payment will need to be made by Friday 21st March 2025 at the latest.** Thank you.

We look forward to an enjoyable day.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Cartwright

Year 3 Teacher