

My Best Holiday

Last year my family and I went on the most amazing holiday to Spain. We had never been to Spain before and my Dad wanted to go there because he said that he was fed up with sitting around in the damp and gloom!

When we arrived at the villa it was baking hot. The first thing that Dad did was to take a shower. He said that he needed to cool off after such a long journey. There was a swimming pool so we spent a lot of time mucking about in the water or splashing water over Dad!

One afternoon we went to visit some caves in the hills. Inside the caves were the most amazing stalagmites and stalactites. They were knobbly and looked like massive, misshapen spears. Some were like bars in a zoo. The guide tapped some and it was rather like playing a glockenspiel. In the caves it was quite cold and by the end of the tour we were all ready for a bit of sun and an ice cream.

On the third day we visited a beach. The waves were just right for surfing so we hired some bodyboards. Dad was worried that we would drown so he spent the afternoon standing in the sea watching us. It was a breeze! The waves were strong enough to float in on but not too powerful.

One of the best things about the holidays was that Dad was so useless at cooking that we had to go into the town every night to eat. There was a stall where you could buy chips and calamari. The calamari was squid cooked in batter – it tasted like rubbery fish. Once we had eaten, we played on the pinball machines.

When we got home Mum wanted to see all the photos. I had a magnificent picture of Dad's very red face from too much sun. All in all I think that it was a great holiday and I can't wait to go back.

Class Trip

Last week our class went on the most amazing trip to the Dramcester Water Park. We went so that we could learn about canoeing, bird watching and lots of other activities whilst having fun!

The first thing that we did was to gather in a group by one of the lakes. The instructor, who was called Jeremy, showed us the canoes. He taught us how to climb in and out. We all had to wear safety jackets in case somebody fell in. Jeremy demonstrated how to paddle. After that we climbed into our own canoes and set off. I got myself covered in water! It was great fun.

After that we had our break. Miss Vole gave everyone a hot drink and a biscuit. She said that this would help to warm up anyone who had got wet. As I was soaked, I was allowed two drinks.

Jeremy then showed a film of some of the creatures that live near and in a lake. I hadn't realised that there were so many different sorts of fish and birds. He took us to a 'hide'. A hide is like a hut that is close to the water. From the hide we could see all sorts of different birds without them seeing us. Skater kept making silly noises and Miss Vole said that if he continued behaving like a baby he would have to wait inside the coach. That silenced him!

In the afternoon Jeremy set us a challenge. We were put into groups and had to build a raft and then sail it to a red buoy. Luckily, Skater was in our team because he was really good at making the raft. We were first in the water. More importantly, we did not sink! The prize for winning was a Mars Bar each!

When we got back to school, Miss Vole said that she had had a great time. She was really pleased with all of us – and she even seemed pleased with YOU KNOW WHO.... So – it was a great trip and now I'd like to go there with my family. I think that they would enjoy the park.