

OUR TRIP TO ROTTINGDEAN

On Wednesday 22nd June 2016, Year 5 and Year 2 went to Rottingdean which was a long but exciting trip. We did this to expand our geographical learning about the contrasting locations of the city and coastal settlements.

Before we went, Year 5 tallied land uses in our local area: houses, offices, restaurants, shops and lots more. Then we looked around Rottingdean on the map and compared it to London. Year 5 noticed that there was much more greenery in Rottingdean than London - but on the other hand, London has a lot more buildings, shops, landmarks etc.

First we went on the coach as it was 90 miles and people were singing on the way. When we arrived at the coastal settlement, I was surrounded: rocks, the sea, cliffs and shops. After we had seen these amazing views, we all sat down on the rocky beach to eat our lunch. When we had finished our lunches, we went onto the groyne and played on the beach. Once we had finished playing, we looked at some human features: flats, shops, cars, walls and lots more.

Next, year 5 walked down the High Street and saw how narrow the roads and pavements were. We kept walking until we arrived at a church called St Margaret's and so we went inside to have a look. This church was much smaller than our church and there was barely anyone inside. We also looked at the similarities and differences between both churches. St Margaret's church had kneelers and benches which we didn't have. They also had a lectern which they put their bible on and it looked like an eagle. Outside the holy place they had a graveyard that had people that were dead since the 1800s. We looked around and saw a beautiful view of the black windmill that we were going to go to later in the day. After looking at the graveyard, we lined up and went back on the street.

Then we went to Rudyard Kipling's garden and read the 'If' poem. It was really interesting. We looked at the flowers surrounding us and the bees buzzing from one petal to another. We went outside and counted how many vehicles came past; I counted twenty cars which was nothing compared to how many vehicles come down London's high street in three minutes.

After that, Year 5 climbed up the steep hill and I unfortunately got poked in the eye (and I didn't know what it was). At the top, we finally found Rottingdean's only landmark (see picture below!) and played a bit of tag around it. Then, we found a bench and sat down there for a while to relax our tired bodies. Then we went back on to the coach and went back to school.

My favourite part was when we were on the beach because I got to collect the shells and play around.

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