Our Trip to Rottingdean

On the 22nd of June 2016, both Year 5 and Year2 went on a trip to Rottingdean. As part of our geography topic, we learnt the differences and similarities of land use.

Before we went, Year 5 tallied different types of land uses in our local area: shops, schools, offices and many others using Google Maps. Then we looked up a map of Rottingdean village and compared it to London. Year 5 realised on the map that Rottingdean is mostly green and London is grey.

First, we arrived at Rottingdean where we watched an amazing view of waves crashing onto the rocky surface where we sat. Next, we just relaxed for a bit and ate some lunch, some of us collected some pebbles to take home with us. We then remembered to look at both physical and human features – we took a look around. We found physical things: pebbles on the beach; faraway hills; black cliffs; and the beautiful, shimmering sea with its distant horizon. After that we scouted human features: terraced houses; colourful shops; newly built offices; and an old church.

Next, we walked down the High Street, still looking for human or physical features and finally found St Margaret's church. Inside, we saw lots of things: stained glass windows; a graveyard around the church; memorial writings; and lectern, supported by an eagle.

Then we arrived at the Kipling Gardens and read out a poem called 'If' by Rudyard Kipling. We took a look around and headed off to the windmill (Rottingdean's landmark). We had to go up a really steep hill and walk through a field where a farmer had been growing his crops. When we got to the top, there wasn't much to see because it was really foggy. We came back down pretty much straight away.

My favourite part was going up the hill because being surround by mist was a strange feeling – like being in a ghostly place – but we felt safe too.

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