

Year 6 Trip to the Natural History Museum

On the 21st February, Year 6 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum in London. It was fascinating looking at the specimens and everyone enjoyed the activities. The trip also tied in with what we are currently doing in Science, which is learning about the human body. The section about volcanoes and earthquakes was related to what we are studying in Geography.

After a coach journey into London, we headed to the new 'Investigate' section of the Museum. The activity leader, Jenny, told us that the Museum housed about 83 million animal specimens. Everyone was amazed! We drew animal parts and gemstones, and wrote down some adjectives to describe them. It was very interesting and those who finished quickly were able to look up some more information about their gemstones or specimens. My gemstone was called hematite and I enjoyed finding out facts about it in some of the books.

We then went into the human body section of the Museum, which was very hands-on and exciting. It covered lots of incredible facts about the human body, like how our hearts and muscles work. It even had a real brain floating in some liquid! Everyone enjoyed the activities, which gave us an opportunity to test our memory, learn about parts of the body and look at some optical illusions to trick our brains. It was lots of fun looking in mirrors that made us look taller or fatter than we actually are.

The volcano and earthquake exhibit was great. There were lots of facts about lava and the aftermath of large earthquakes. In this section there was also a lot of information on tsunamis. The best part of the exhibit was a fake shop where the floor jiggled and vibrated while we stood on it to show us how an earthquake feels. This was exciting but also a little scary. The first time we went in the shop, everyone was very surprised and clinging onto each other for support. It was very realistic because the food in the shop was vibrating as the floor moved. In the volcanoes section we saw models of different volcano shapes and volcanic rocks.

After a trip to the gift shop to buy some small souvenirs, all of us looked up to the ceiling. The diplodocus skeleton hanging in the entrance hall has recently been replaced with a whale skeleton. It was awe-inspiring and absolutely huge. Some of the smaller bones were even taller than an average adult! Once we had looked at the whale for a while, we travelled back to school on the coach after a brilliant day out.

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