

Sunday, 19th May

Once upon a time there were Roman Baths...

You might think "Why are they writing about Rome? I thought they are in England". Well, today we were at the famous Roman Baths. We started our incredible journey at 9:15 AM and arrived at 12:30 PM. When we arrived we saw the interesting architecture of the buildings in Bath. We had free time which we could either use to go with Mr Shepherd to the Royal Crescent and the Circus or just walk through the town to go shopping or buy food. We went to different shops and some of us even bought fudge, which is a delicious and tasty sweet with many different flavours, for example white chocolate, caramel, lemon sorbet and lots more!

Two of us fed the pigeons, which wasn't a good idea because then even more and more pigeons came and one of these two students kicked one pigeon because it was really annoying. But for your information, it wasn't that hard, he just pushed it a little bit! But let's turn to the highlight of our day: At 3 pm we all went to the Roman Baths and got our audioguides. We had about one hour to explore them. We listened to our audioguides, which gave us interesting facts about the bath, the gods and goddesses, the architecture and more. Some of us simply walked through all the stations to look at the temple and some of us just sat down and listened to the audioguide. We even stayed right in front of the water where the Romans had bathed and where it meant to be holy. Sadly we couldn't bathe in it because it is a little dirty! But some people or tourists just walked in front of the camera and that was very annoying! One person even tripped Louisa up while she was taking a picture of us. That was so mean, but so funny at the same time! Before we went out of the Roman Baths we tasted the water of the neighbouring spa, which you could actually drink but it didn't taste so well. A few minutes later we all met right in front of the shop to buy some cool souvenirs of our trip to Bath and the Roman Baths. A few people bought chocolate, others bought fridge magnets and more... Then at 4:30 PM we walked to the bus to go back to Torquay. Our trip to Bath was really packed but it was definitely worth going there because we saw a lot of beautiful sights and learned interesting facts about the Roman Baths.

Ayisha





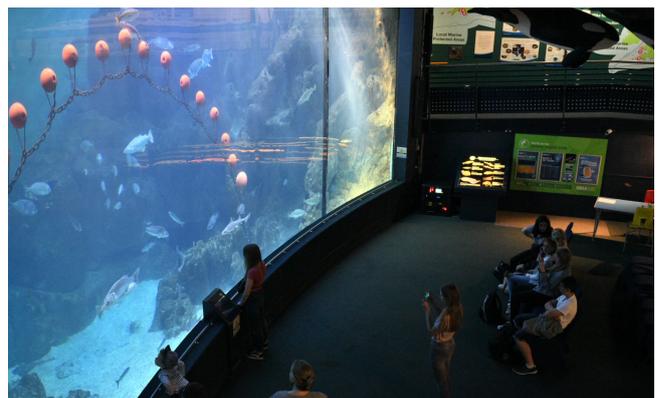
Monday, 20th May

Dear reader,

Do you know what we have done today? Well, actually not, but we will tell you about our interesting day. This morning when we woke up we did not have language school till noon as usual, no, we had a beautiful "whole day trip" to Plymouth. It started a bit bad because there was a big traffic jam here in Torquay, but when we left the town the streets got emptier. On our way to Plymouth the people sitting in the back of the coach played a card game, which was very funny. When we arrived we walked to the "Hoe". It is a large green area where you can sit, play games or have a picnic. You have an amazing view of the bay and the harbour. After we walked there we had two hours to explore the town in small groups. Most of us went shopping. Well, we did so. When everyone was back at the Hoe, we first sang songs and then played volleyball, which was really funny. Then we went along the seafront and watched some Royal Navy ships. We walked to the Mayflower steps, which we weren't able to see because they are being reconstructed at the moment, which is a pity. Before we visited the National Marine Aquarium Leo and Louisa had to give their presentations.

In the aquarium they had beautiful tanks with fish, sharks and crabs and we learned a lot. After our nice visit we walked back to our coach and when the last of us got on the coach it began to rain. Such great luck! On our way back to our host families we played cards again. The bus passed our bus stop because he forgot that we had to get out there, but it wasn't a big problem. Our trip to Plymouth was amazing and we enjoyed it very much.

Jonas and Oskar



Tuesday, 21st May

After the two lessons, we had a bit of free time until 1pm. Then we walked to a beach where we stayed for 20 minutes. Some of us went into the water or collected shells (including Mrs Klatt), others played volleyball. After this short break we went through a forest. There was a narrow path. We walked along a little stream and arrived in Cockington, where we got our cream tea. It was very sweet but the scones were very soft. After our meal and a few hours of fun where we played volleyball, frisbee or just sat under a few trees, we started on our way home. Some of us walked alone and the others went with the teachers to the bus stations. We went home and had dinner with our hosts. That was another fabulous day.

Neele and Josephine



Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Dear reader,

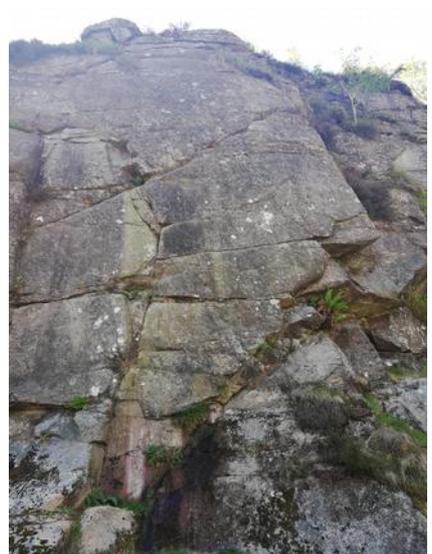
Today we went to a lovely piece of land called Dartmoor which is located in southern Devon. But first we would like to tell you about our morning, which begins at school. We had two nice and friendly teachers called Maddie and Maggie. It was a bit confusing to remember who is who because the names sound so similar. In class we talked about the environment and pollution, which was really interesting because we learned a lot about our world and how we can protect it. We also spoke about festivals and celebrations in the UK and sang songs, which was a lot of fun.

After school we had time to grab something to eat. When we walked back to our meeting point, we saw our bus standing in the middle of the street with a small car right next to it. After a few seconds we understood that our bus had had a small accident, but it was nothing serious, no one got hurt and after a few minutes everything was resolved, so that we could get on our way to Dartmoor as planned.

When we finally arrived after an exciting drive through very narrow streets, two friendly guides (Adrian and Chris) led us through Dartmoor and gave us a lot of interesting information about the ponies, some special rocks, which were also used for bridges and buildings in London, the landscape, the railroad and much more. Our guide was very knowledgeable about Dartmoor, so it was really interesting to listen to him. On our tour we saw some cows but fortunately also some Dartmoor ponies, which stood very close to us, so we walked carefully towards them and we were even allowed to touch one. It was very friendly, lovely and cute and not shy at all. When we had a short break on Haytor, a pony came to Leo's backpack and took a bite, so we knew we had to be careful. Our tour with the guide took about two hours and we learned a lot of interesting and impressive things. When we finished it, we had a quick look at the shop and enjoyed some very delicious ice cream. Then we listened to the Sophie's and Anna-Lena's presentations, which were also informative. After the lovely visit to Dartmoor we had to leave and headed back home to our hosts. We had a great, lovely and impressive day.

Helen and Emily





Dear reader,

Do you know what the Eden project is? Something with plants maybe? Not just maybe! The Eden Project is a wonderful place where you can see all kinds of exotic animals and special plants. In the morning we went to this extraordinary piece of land. Between 8:30 and 9 o'clock our coach picked us up at our bus stops. Today there was another birthday queen on board. It was Jette. We practised a song which goes like this: Happy, happy, happy birthday happy, happy, happy birthday... Well, enough of that.

The trip took two and a half hours. After we had arrived we walked down a path zigzagging towards the biomes. That's what the buildings are called. We split into two groups and listened to presentations by Hannes and Chelsea.

After the presentations we had three hours of free time to explore the Eden Project. There were two big domes with many exotic and extraordinary plants inside. One of those biomes was full of rainforest plants. There even were two waterfalls and a canopy walk. The other one was full of Mediterranean plants. Another highlight were the little birds in the rainforest biome. They looked like pigeons and lived under the trees at the bottom.

There even was a "Zip Line". You could "fly" on it over the top of the biomes. Two of us even wanted to do this, but unfortunately there was too little time left and it was too expensive. But all in all it was a great day and we can recommend the Eden Project.

Cara-Ireen, Mia & Anne





Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

Today was our 15th day in England as well as our first in London, which we all welcomed yawning and stretching. It began like every other normal day with breakfast in our new hostel, which we had slept in over the night. We had a big variety of breakfast items to choose from, so many of us spent almost one hour eating.

At about 9 o'clock we started our journey to London's sights. The first sight we went to was Tower Bridge, where we were given new input by Anne and Mariella. After a fairly short photo session we went on to the Tower of London which is located right next to the bridge. At the home of the beefeaters not only the famous crown jewels were on display but also a lot of weaponry and armory. There were also quite fat ravens which couldn't fly, a quite pricy kiosk and a machine that printed coins, places that we could waste our money at.

After spending some time at the souvenir shop we continued our journey. Crossing Tower Bridge, we started our walk to the London Eye, where most of us had to pass through a massive queue to see London from above. Unfortunately, the Elizabeth Tower (that houses Big Ben, the bell) as well as parts of the Parliament were covered in scaffolding. When we arrived back at ground level, Sofia and Alina gave a talk about the Eye.

Then we went on to the Houses of Parliament, which we had already seen in the distance, and listened to talks by Jonas and Martin. Already quite exhausted, we still went on to see Westminster Abbey, took a break and listened to Helene and Wilhelmine. After a short walk to the tube and two stops, we arrived at Oxford Circle, where we had 90 minutes to explore the area and to buy dinner. At last we went back to our hostel by the tube, where we rested and ate until two boys remembered that they still had to write their report. :)

Although it was a rather long walk, we want to give a big thank you to our teachers who helped us discover a huge amount of London's sights on an exhausting but enjoyable day.

Jan and Leo





Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

### The Riddle

So I'm gonna tell you all about my day and maybe you can guess who I am. Early in the morning I took my luggage to a huge, yellow thing, with giant wheels. While we were driving, I explored the storage room and also the many suitcases. Suddenly we stopped driving and I went outside, to get something to eat, so I crawled inside a kitchen and quickly I found something. Oh and I forgot to tell you: there were some really interesting giants driving with me. (I can tell you, they looked weird!) I climbed on one of the guys and they were talking about Windsor Castle. Prompt we were inside really big walls, much bigger than the giants! The giants who came with me and also other giants had to queue but I climbed up the wall and through a gap inside the big building. Diamonds, golden spoons, jewellery and so on. It was amazing! When I saw a giant who I had seen before I climbed onto his shoulder and thereafter we went back to the bus. It was easy to steal food =)

But then a loud announcement was given. Alright folks, we have arrived in London.

After that, not so much happened. I went in a hotel with the giants and stole food from them, after that I went in a warm room and fell asleep at once.

Guess who I am.

### The Report

This morning we met at 8 o'clock at the coach station. There we had to say goodbye to our host families. For some of us, this was difficult. A few minutes later we went off to London.

We went for about three hours, then we stopped at Windsor. Here we visited the castle. We did not have to wait long until we were let in. After the checking of our bags, we explored the castle grounds on our own. Its yard was very big. Most of us went into the castle to see paintings, armoury and treasures. Some halls were decorated with a lot of goldleaf. Inside the castle we could see the throne of the queen. The visit to Windsor Castle was great.

Later we went back to the bus and continued our journey towards London. The ride took about 90 minutes. On the way to the hotel, we saw some skyscrapers and attractions like the London Eye. When we finally arrived at the hotel, we were all tired of the day. In the evening, we were able to get out again to buy dinner. Suddenly, the day was over and we went to sleep.

Chelsea, Sarah and Veronika



