

# WEEKLY EVENTS

Last Friday, Year 2 and Year 6 visited the Milestone Museum in Basingstoke which houses a range of unique exhibits demonstrating how people used to live in the past.

There is a focus on the Victorian era and the 1930's providing a natural tie into the curriculum and work the children have been undertaking in History in the academic year.

Exhibits demonstrate how people had to work, wash their clothes, eat and sleep—all very different from how we do things today and certainly an eye-opener for many of the children.

Before lunch the children participated in sessions run by the museum. The Year 2 children worked in the Victorian Iron Factory with Deborah, making 'castings' using plaster of Paris. They learnt that women were not allowed to work in factories during the Victorian period and that boys as young as eight worked very long hours.



The Year 6 children had a discussion with Maggie who worked in the engineering factory in the 1940s while the men were away at war. They were able to discover how her life changed and were able to compare now and then.

All in all it was a very worthwhile trip in which the children travelled back in time for the day.

