

My trip to Gressenhall and Dreamy Hollow by Tyrnan

At 9:15, year 5 got on to the coach and went to Gressenhall, we arrived at 10:00, it took 45 minutes in total to get there. We went into a big tent (called a marquee) and Rachel and Jim told us what we were going to be doing today, we were going to be having an Edwardian school lesson and a tour of the work house. The first thing we did, was learn a poem (it went: `In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue three ships he used to sail the sea the Pinta, the Nina and the Santamaria`). A few moments later, he checked are hands, if they were dirty, we would get the cane. After that, we did handwriting, all are hand writing had to be the same so ever one could read it (we wrote on slates). Also we did maths, with an abaca. A few moments later, we were marched over to the we marched over to the work house, where we met Rachel she started telling us about a man called Cristopher high he had 8 children and, he left 7 of them at the work house and took the oldest one back to the house to get a job and one by one he got his children out of the work house. She then, showed us Christopher high's house it had 2 *tiny* rooms and no furniture. In the work house you got gruel for breakfast and bread and cheese the rest of the time once a week you got meat (but it would not be good quality). She also told us about a lady called Harriet she hated the work house she tried to Burn it down in fact, thats what got here in prison. When she was in prison she was good but they thought she was mad so they sent her to the asylum but they gave her the attention she wanted and they sent her back to the work house from there on the went round and round the work house, the prison and the asylum. Then disappeared. After a few years popped back up in Dereham with a family and 2 kids. Then we learnt about the boys, girls, men and women being separated and the boys having a swing because people thought they needed more exercise. She also told us about a woman who through a piece of bread over the wall, because she heard her children crying (because they were hungry). But she got put in a cell for 8 hours for doing it. The reason for this is they had to be strict because there was only 8 members of staff looking after all 350 people. After we looked at the washing machines, they had 100 years ago. So then we went to have lunch. Then we went to Dreamy Hollow and Sargent tailor showed us around the trenches, my favourite bit was the fake gas attack, but it did hurt your throat. So then, we switched round and Dave showed us more of the trenches and read us the favourite of all the soldiers bit from the bible. After, we went to learn about a stretcher and then we placed a ring of poppies under the soldiers. Then we said bye to everyone and went home.