

Monday 6th December 2021

Dear my secret companion,

Today was an incredible day. My whole class went on a trip to Rockingham castle, because we wanted to learn more about the Victorians. When we reached Rockingham castle it was very bitter, but I didn't mind because it was very intriguing and it felt very festive. We saw a person in the distance and she said she was our tour guide.

We split into two groups and started the tour. For the first room my group went into a dull, gloomy and cold room with a small table and three chairs this is where the maid, caretaker and house keeper used to eat during the Victorian times. This then led to the second room, which was a grand, posh room with paintings on the walls and chandeliers hanging from the ceiling. In the middle of the Great Hall was a really long table which was surrounded by countless chairs. This was where the Lord and Lady used to enjoy their meals with guests. Once we left this room, we wandered into the next which was the kitchen.

Sauce pans hung from the bottom of the cabinets and there were silver, shiny sharp knives on the surfaces. There was another room next to the kitchen called the meat room which was full of meat and even had a pig head on the wall!

Then we went to another dining room, which felt very welcoming. It had a blazing fire burning a table with pretend food on it as if it was set out for a traditional Victorian Christmas mealtime.

Next, we went to was the Long Gallery, which had a lot of antique paintings on the wall and one looked at you everywhere you went! How did it do that?

Finally, we went outside to look at the endless gardens; it was beautiful. There were stone sculptures and loads of flowers and blossom trees both full of colour. We wandered back to the bus and headed to school.

My favourite part of Rockingham castle was the picture that always stared at you and the magnificent garden. I would defiantly like to go there again because it was very interesting and breath taking. I hope I go another time.

Nathan