

Spring Term in Beech Class



Beech Class have had an exciting term finding out all about life in the Forest of Dean in Victorian times.

We went to visit Clearwell Caves and New Fancy View. We climbed up to the top to see how large the forest is and to see what settlements we could identify. We also used compass directions to find coal mines and quarries on the map. We investigated the sculpture and found out why it was made of stone, iron and wood.

We went to the forest to find stick, bark and leaves to make forest sculptures.

We found out that forest miners used forked sticks, clay from the ground and candles to make miner's Nellies, which they used to hold in their mouths when they were working in the dark at the iron ore mine at Clearwell.



A local potter, Mary Rose Young came into visit us to show us the amazing pots she makes out of clay.

The Victorians used clay to make bricks and tiles. We made clay tiles in art and decorated them in the style of Mary Rose Young with bright colours and gold decoration.

She also taught us how to make clay roses. She is going to fire these in her kiln then help us glaze paint and glaze them.



We have had a visiting teacher this term, Miss Jones, who has worked with us on finding out about children's jobs in Victorian times. We did a class assembly where we had to pretend to be the owner, or a worker, in a Victorian mine or factory.

We also investigated Victorian artefacts, books and websites to find out about the past.



