

Year 6 go to Beamish!

The children in their History lessons had been learning all about the Victorian era, and to help bring this to life they spent the day at Beamish Museum. The children were taken back in time when they took part in a Victorian lesson. They were all given a fountain pen and an inkwell, and had to practise writing in a Victorian style of cursive writing. This was quite tricky to do – many hands were covered in ink. The children also learned about pounds, shillings and pence and solved an addition and subtraction using these sums of money. To get around the museum, the children rode on an old-fashioned bus and a tram. The children also had the opportunity to go down the mine and see what the conditions were like for the miners – they discovered that it was very dark and cramped. They visited a range of buildings including the dentist, the Co-op and the cottages belonging to the mining families. The children had a very enjoyable day and it allowed them to experience a little piece of the Victorian era.

