

Paddington Visits the Black Country Living Museum

The thing I found out first about the Black Country was it was really foggy, and rather pongy! Back when I was in Darkest Peru, Uncle Pastuzo told me why it was because of the coal and pollution. Well the thing that really struck me was the way they treated children. They sent them down the mines. They even caned them at school (if they were naughty) but that's not all of it. If you worked at a bakery you could be cleaning the oven or carrying 100 pounds of bread round your village or town.

The Victorian School Experiance

In Queen Victoria's time school was very strict. The teachers came out and made us stand in a seperate line to the girls. He told us told us to walk inside. It was much unlike schools today. The children wrote on slates with chalk or slate pencils. They wipe the slate clean with a cloth, & with their coat sleeve or with their fingers! When I did it I got my fur got all covered in chalk and they didn't let me write with my left hand and I'm left handed ("I thought they very rude").

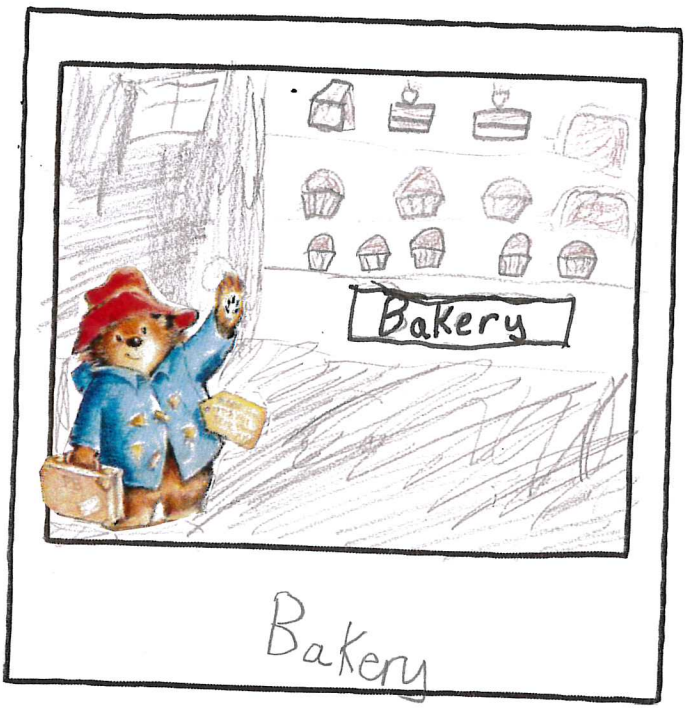
The Mine Experiance

With the mine we entered a room with some artefacts on one side and a tv and some seats ("1 star rating")! We had to watch a long video. When the video was over we had to walk through a gate (I got a splinter in my paw).

When we went in we had to put helmets on which didn't fit me, I also had to carry a heavy torch. Then we went into a back yard well you couldn't really call it a back yard, it was more like a small area of land with no grass and a small tunnel which led to an underground mine experience.



Sweet shop



Bakery



School



The Mine