

# Durlston Country Park

**On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April we were at Leeson House for our second day. We all woke up excited as we were going to Durlston Country Park. We grabbed our lunch and drinks and year 6 were the first to go.**

**We got there about 9:30 am and entertained ourselves while the years 5s were being picked up. When the year 5s arrived we set off for the timeline. In about five minutes we were at the start of the timeline. It started at 4.6 billion years ago and took us forward through time to the present day.**

**After a short walk we were at the front of the castle. It was magnificent. We were all taking pictures of the front of the castle. Mr Kite did a heroic pose, everyone laughed. Then we set off for the top of the castle.**

**When we reached the top everyone was amazed at the view. It went right back to Old Harry Rocks. It was very cloudy but if it had been a clear day we could have seen The Isle Of Wight. We all took loads of photos of the spectacular view.**

**After that we went down and had a look around the shop. It had a variety of things. The hand puppets were the most popular among the boys. When we got outside there was a surprise. It was Durlston Country Park's dog. He was sunbathing on the front patio! He was very sweet!**

**Then we all made our way to the Great Globe, it was fantastic! We all had a snack and a drink. Once again we all took hundreds of photographs. After our snack we made our way to the cliff side for some bird watching.**

**When we reached the cliff side we saw many birds. Like Black Backed Gulls and one Kittiwake. Next we had a look at Tilly Whim Caves, they were so cool! When we got down the other side of the cliff we saw Anvil Point Lighthouse, it was beautiful but there was a shock in store because we saw a very steep hill ahead.**

**When we reached the bottom of the hill we couldn't even see the top! It was so steep! Many of us reached the top quicker than others. When we finally got to the top of the killer hill, the taste of water was like heaven we were all so tired, well so we thought.**

**Next we stopped for lunch and couldn't wait till we tucked in. We were astonished when others started playing "it" some of us thought they were mad! Then we had the tricky job of walking back to Leeson House. We only just made it as we were so tired.**

**When we got back we did some activities inside Leeson grounds. The first activity was the mini compass trails and the other half did pond dipping, then we swapped groups. After all that it was time for tea we were so relieved!**

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