

A trip to Kew Gardens

Last Friday, Monkwick Junior School Year 5 travelled on a coach to visit Kew Gardens in London. It was a long ride to get there so we had to be at school an hour early, at twenty to eight. We brought our breakfast to eat on the bus.

When we arrived at Kew Gardens, we could tell it was a big attraction by the size of the car parks, which were carefully laid out and named after trees – we were in Oak Car Park. As we walked down, we could see the buildings – enormous glasshouses, built by the river.

We spent our morning going round the Palm House, looking at the plants. It is kept very warm inside and filled with tropical plants like rubber trees, bamboo, spices, coconuts and pineapples. There are also displays of buildings and gardens from tropical countries. The Princess of Wales Conservatory is not so warm and among the plants there are oranges, lemons, grapes and olives.

We had our lunch in the exhibition centre, where we saw a multimedia presentation about 'The history of Kew'. It was built to exhibit plants from all over the world and from various habitats. Next, we had a talk about the plants in the rainforest. A lady explained how you get cocoa beans and cocoa milk from a pod and use them to make chocolate.

We were allowed to look in the shop and spend two pounds. I bought some stickers and a postcard of the Great Pagoda. Finally, it was time for the long ride home. We were back by half past four, just in time to be collected. We all agreed that it was the best school trip that we had been on and we hope to go back again one day with our families.