

# Ragged School Museum

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November our class (3C) went to the ragged school museum so we could learn more about what it was like to go to school in Victorian times. First we got the train to Keston and walked to a station where the DLR stopped. Next we got on the DLR and went to a ~~station~~ station called Nine Elms where we walked to the museum. Even though it was quite drizzly, the walk was lovely.

After we arrived at the museum, we went up to the classroom where we met our <sup>parking</sup> ~~parking~~ <sup>lady</sup> on the road as her real name was Sally but she was a very believable actress. Then she made us all sit down with boys on one side and girls on the other. Next she looked her cone on each of

our desks and said "over". We had to show both sides of our hands so she could see if they were clean. After that she chose monitors via cleanliness and said cleanliness is not a politeness (I was one of the monitors and I got no hand out sleeves). Next we practised an alphabet called copperplate. I enjoyed it even though it was quite hard.

After the alphabet we learnt about what coins were worth back then. Did you know that 4 farthings <sup>shillings</sup> = 1 penny, 2 halfpennies were 1 penny, 12 pennies were one shilling and 240 pennies were only 1 pound? Finally, we learnt about punishments. We learnt that the punishment for slouching was a back straightener and if you were top headed you had to wear the dunce cap. Also if you were naughty it was the cane. Then we got back on the OLR and travelled to Winton. Next we got the train back to school.