

Case Study: Babraham CE (VC) Primary School



- ❖ Year 2 (6 & 7 year olds)
- ❖ 13 children, 2 adults
- ❖ Main learning focus: Self-led visit to explore Exercise/ Healthy lifestyles/ History of Newmarket

Outline of the day: After spending time around the corner at Pizza Express, we began our trip to Palace House by going around the art work in the upstairs rooms. We loved the video of a jockey's day as well as the Munnings paintings. We then went around the stables and a real highlight was meeting Frank and going on the moving horse (simulator), dressed up in jockey's gear!

Then we went on to see some real horses. We sat quietly and watched them trot around the yard and asked any questions we had.

Back in the main building, **we loved looking at the horse anatomy**, seeing the skeleton next to the video explaining all about how a horse compares to a man in terms of speed, size of heart etc. We loved the peep hole boxes (treasure windows) and trying to find things our friends might have missed.

After lunch we went to the Palace opposite. We ran out of time to look at all the paintings because we wanted to stop and talk about all of them!

A brilliant day!

Highlights: Jockey experience (racehorse simulator), artwork in the Palace, trophy room, lovely building itself!

Comments: An absolutely fantastic visit with so many varied activities to do, helpful staff and beautiful, spacious environment. The simulator was a particular hit!

Top tips: Leave plenty of time, lots of varied activities to do! We were a small group so gave children lots of freedom to explore this **safe environment**.

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