

Thursday 3rd October 2019

**Year 1 Trip to the Back to Back Houses in Birmingham**

Year 1 visited the Back to Back Houses in Birmingham to see what life was like for people living there in the past. They dressed up as Victorian children and their first job was to help light the fire using kindling, newspaper and coal. They then looked up high to see the smoke coming out of the chimney.



We found out that there were no bathrooms or toilets inside the houses everyone had to go across the courtyard to use one tap and three toilets. The bedrooms were small and the whole family had to share one room, they had to 'top and tail' to fit into the bed. Bedbugs, rats and mice lived in the houses too! The washing was done in the wash room and we looked at how the mangle worked. Finally, we played with toys from the past in the courtyard. It was a wonderful morning, we learned so much and we all really enjoyed our time as Victorian children.

