**School trip to St Albans Abbey**

We went to St. Albans Abbey on Friday 7th November. We were in separate groups and we did a Christmas trail, we also learnt about the dissolution of the monasteries. My group found out about the Dissolution of the Monasteries first. We discovered about monks and dressed up as them. There were a lot of different jobs for monks. Some monks would have keys to open doors, some would have a bell, some would write notes down on a piece of paper. When we went on the Christmas trail we learnt about the Christmas story and when Jesus was born. At the beginning of the trail we looked at some cards and had to decide which one reminded us the most of Christmas. Everyone thought it was the card with a Christmas tree on it and lots of people were crowding round it. When we went further into the Abbey, we went to a table, where at Easter and Christmas its tablecloth would be white and on any other months it would be purple. We smelt some presents that the monks would give out. The final bit of the day was looking at a few nativity sets. In all the nativity sets they have three shepherds, Mary, Jesus, animals and a manger. At last we looked at the cards again and found out another one reminded us of Christmas more than we thought before. This one had Mary on it, looking down at Jesus in his manger.

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Miss Martin says: It was a busy day with lots of information and you did well to remember so much. ☺