

Hard labour for Upper 2



In humanities this week, Upper 2 have been learning about Victorian crime and punishment. The children discovered the factors behind the rise in crime after the Industrial Revolution and how British society sought to counter this with the establishment of police forces. They then found out about Victorian prisons and got a taste of hard labour.

For practical, ethical and legal reasons, we opted for picking oakum over the treadmill or the crank but they still got a glimpse into the life of their unfortunate and larcenous forebears, even if they seemed to enjoy it more than was perhaps intended.

Any parents stuck for extra stocking-fillers could do worse than a length of stout rope if they want a bit of quiet time on Boxing Day.

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