



Fri 11 Sep

## Edinburgh Castle

It was an early start to our adventures today as we left the hall at 915am to head to Edinburgh. First stop was the park and ride at Ingliston to get the tram into Edinburgh. The children were all well behaved, watching the sights go by on the way to the city centre. A quick march uphill and we were at the castle. A lot of excitement followed as they took in the full view of Edinburgh and the coast line. Mons Meg (the huge cannon) was a hit, with Maksim finding himself inside the cannon, thanks to Mark. We then saw the Crown Jewels, followed by a quick snack. The other sights of the castle were discovered but the main attraction was the stretching penny machine. It was soon time for the one o'clock gun so we stayed at the castle for lunch and awaited the Big Bang. We were not disappointed!

A trip down the Royal Mile was next with a lot of laughter at the crazy mirrors outside Camera Obscure, the street statue performers and a bagpipe player.

We made our way down to Princes Street gardens, stopping at the play park which was a big hit. The sun was out and after burning off some energy running around we had a Luca's ice cream break then back on the tram. It was a great day with a lot of wonderful sightseeing, laughter and playing. Edinburgh is a fantastic city!.

Back at the hall the children were all given the pottery they had made last week at Potter around. They had all been fired/glazed and were looking great.

Well that's the end of our second week of activities. Can't believe it's going so quickly but time flies when you are having fun and they are a great bunch of kids, so deserving of our help and they are a pleasure to be around 😊

