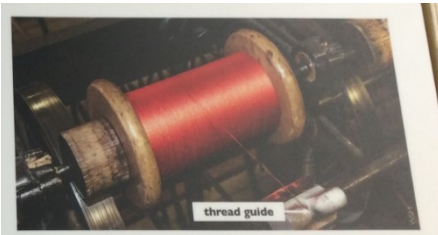


Year 4 Visit to Whitchurch Silk Mill Tuesday 28th March 2023

We spent the day at the Silk Mill completing 4 activities.

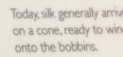


The ceramic thread guide travels from left to right, moving the thread as it goes. This ensures that the thread is spread evenly over the bobbin.



Traditionally, silk arrived at the Mill in hanks. It was placed on a parter to be untangled.

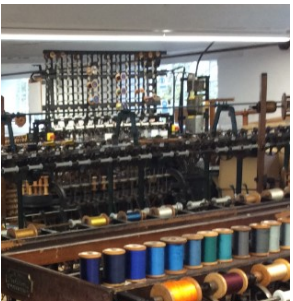
It was then transferred to the swifts which were fitted onto a winding frame and the silk was wound as thread onto bobbins.



Today, silk generally arrives on a cone, ready to wind onto the bobbins.



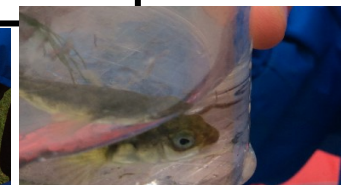
A tour of the Silk Mill and how the mill is powered by the river to produce silk cloth using machinery.



An activity to measure the water that we consume and discussion to think about how we can conserve water and help life in our local rivers.



A river dipping activity where we observed and identified creatures living in the River Test.



A River walk observing parts of the River Test looking at the water meadow, weir, pond, sluice gates and river meanders.