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On Tuesday the 6th of November, our class went on a trip to the Fremantle Prison. We did 2 tours, one was about the convicts and the other was about local prisoners. Moondyne Joe was a British thief who stole bread, cheese and bacon. He got sent to Fremantle prison for 10 years. He escaped many times from the prison but the guards always ended up catching him.

The officers made him a special cell with dog spikes all over and the windows were covered with so many bars, there was hardly any light. He was getting sick and the doctors told the officers to feed him and give him exercise. He was told to dig the stone wall but when the stone pile got to the top of his head, he took off his clothes and escaped through the hole. The new governor said “The next time Moondyne Joe escapes, I will let him go.”

The local prisoners started a riot in 1969 about the food quality being low. When they went out for exercise and then refused to come back inside. They launched missiles on the officers, they set buildings on fire and they punched and injured the guards. The officers ended up shooting 3 prisoners. One in the leg, one in the back and one in the arm.

In 1911, they started another riot. Some prisoners were holding boiling water then went upstairs and poured the hot water over the officer's heads. 12 of the riot starters got put in the new division. They had special cells with an extra bar across the door. They were put on a hunger strike and that lasted a couple of weeks when some of the 12 prisoners started to gain weight. Turns out their friends were buying extra food to feed them

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through the window. The guards found out and bared the window closed.

Our class really enjoyed this adventure to the Fremantle Prison. We all had a great time looking at old parts of the building and looking were they wiped the prisoners with a special whip called the Cat O' Nine Tails. We really had fun there.



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