most interesting thing there were the Dodo bird and other extinct birds like the passenger pigeons. We went to the Arthropod galleries and the earth galleries that had a lot of rocks and an earthquake simulator. We also saw petrified trees and a slice of a giant sequoia tree that was over 1500 years old. The last thing we saw was the display about human evolution. We left the museum and walked back to our friends. On the way we went past Buckingham Palace, the Queen Victoria monument and the Princess Diana Memorial fountain. We knew the Queen was home because the flag was up at the palace. From there we went for a quick visit to the British Museum. I saw the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon that my Dad says are controversial because the Greek government would like them back! We saw a giant granite fist and a bronze cat. I bought a clock that runs on fruit juice, lemons or vinegar and some magnetic marbles.
Day 2 November 25
Today we went for a very long walk. First we went to the Columbia Road flower market on a double decker bus to look around. The flower market sold crafts, flowers, plants and even trees. The flower market was on the street in an older part of town (I bought an odd cup with an English setter on it that had its head for a handle). Then we went to Brick Lane, which has a flea market. One of the buildings is the Black Eagle Brewery that was built in 1669. From there we went through Spitalfields to see Christ Church that was designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor and was built in 1729. After that we went for a walk that took us threw narrow streets and then went to St. Pauls cathedral. It was designed by Christopher Wren and was built on the site of a cathedral that was destroyed in the great fire of London. The fire started in a bakery on Pudding Lane. It destroyed almost the entire city and burned for almost a week. St. Pauls took 40 years to build. There were 4 St. Pauls on the same site before. The first (604-675) was destroyed by fire. The second (685-962) was destroyed by the Vikings. The third (962-1087) was destroyed by fire. The fourth (1087-1666) had the tallest spire ever built (it was destroyed by lightning in 1561) and was completely burned.

In the great fire in 1666, after visiting St. Pauls, we walked home through Smittifield and by the old meat market that has two giant griffins over the entrance.
Day 1 November 23 & 24

Today was the big 7 hour plane ride. On the plane we watched Flight 93 and Saving Private Ryan. After we landed in London we took a taxi to our hotel. We arrived in London at 6am. We took the underground into the city. We went for a short walk to Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden and Piccadilly Circus. It was a very long day!

Today we walked up Tottenham Court Road to the Columbia Road flower market on a double decker bus. It was quite crowded but very fun. We bought a few flowers and next to the street was a market selling antiques and handcrafted items. My mom bought a couple of things.

Day 2 November 25

Today we walked down to see Big Ben. From there we went by protestant church and my dad got a book called The Necropolis: London and its Dead. From there we went to the Rockefeller Center and we took the elevator up 86 floors to see the view.

Day 3 November 26

Today we walked to the Natural History Museum. We saw a lot of dinosaur skeletons, a few models of famous people, and a variety of other creatures including extinct animals. The museum was quite large and we didn’t get to see everything so we will definitely have to go back.

Day 4 November 27

Today we went to the Natural History Museum. We saw a lot of dinosaur skeletons, a few models of famous people, and a variety of other creatures including extinct animals. The museum was quite large and we didn’t get to see everything so we will definitely have to go back.

Day 5 November 28

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Day 6 November 29

Today we went to the Natural History Museum. We saw a lot of dinosaur skeletons, a few models of famous people, and a variety of other creatures including extinct animals. The museum was quite large and we didn’t get to see everything so we will definitely have to go back.

Day 7 December 1

Today is our last day. We went to the Borough Market in London. It was quite busy and we saw a lot of interesting things. We also saw some interesting people, including a lady who was selling fish out of a barrel.

Day 8 December 1

Today we went to the Natural History Museum. We saw a lot of dinosaur skeletons, a few models of famous people, and a variety of other creatures including extinct animals. The museum was quite large and we didn’t get to see everything so we will definitely have to go back.
Today we went to Greenwich on a boat that took us past the Cutty Sark and the Royal Observatory. We explored the Cutty Sark exhibition, which was dedicated to the famous ship that was involved in the tea trade. Then we went to the Natural History Museum, which was quite interesting. We saw the dinosaur skeleton of a Triceratops and the Dodo bird skeleton. The most interesting thing there were the Dodo bird bones. There was a large pond with a fountain where we saw the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles from the Parthenon that my dad says are controversial.

We took the underground to Heathrow Airport. Our flight was at 10:00pm after a long day of sightseeing. They were doing some work on the runway, so we had to walk a lot to reach the gate. While they were doing that, I saw a group of artists (Giles, Alice and Orlagh) who are famous for their street art. They were drawing on the walls of the airport. After getting our luggage, we took the bus to Foyles bookstore where I got a book called the Horrible History of England. We had Thai food for dinner.

The next day, Day 5, November 28, we went to the Natural History Museum. We walked through the earth galleries that had a lot of rocks and an exhibit about human evolution. We left the museum and walked back to our friends. On the way we passed the London Eye, Tower Bridge, London Bridge, and the Flood preventing barrier. We could do some work with Proboscis. Proboscis is a type of proboscis monkey that is found in Borneo. The last thing we did was go to Muji, a Japanese design store.

My dad was meeting with a bunch of other artists at the John Hansard Gallery in Southampton. While they were doing that, I decided to see the City of London. We took the tube to Liverpool Street, which is a really busy street with a lot of electronics stores. We walked to the Victoria monument and the Princess Diana statue. We went by the Victoria Falls and the Victoria Falls Bridge. Then we went to the City of London, Tower Bridge, London Bridge, and the Flood preventing barrier. We saw the Tower of London. We were going to go skating at the Olympic Park but decided to go to the Cutty Sark instead.

We took the ferry to the Southbank and walked along the river to the Tower Bridge. We had our lunch next to Blackfriars Bridge, St. Pauls and lots of other buildings. We walked to the Victoria Falls and the Victoria Falls Bridge. We saw the Victoria Falls and the Victoria Falls Bridge. Then we went across the Millennium Bridge (which made people sick to walk on when it was first built), past St. Pauls Cathedral. It's the tallest spire ever built (it was destroyed by lightning in 1561) and was completely burned down in the great fire in 1666. After visiting St. Pauls, we walked home through Smithfield and by the old meat market that has two giant griffins over the entrance. The Old Meat Market was designed by the architect Oliver de la Chantrerie. It was originally built as a warehouse for the royal navy. It is now a park with a playground (I did not go on the swings). Then we went to the Tate Modern art gallery. Then we kept walking along the river and crossed back over the Tower Bridge to the south end of London Bridge. We saw giant white giraffes at the London Zoo (it was too expensive to go in as we had just been there the day before).

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family) and past one of the large griffins that guards the entrance to the old City of London. We took the underground to Heathrow Airport. Our flight leaves London at 7:00pm and well be in Toronto by 10:00pm (an 8 hour flight but looks like only 3 hours because of the time change). I think this was a great trip Im looking forward to coming again because there is still so much to see.

-Maggie Hunter

Day 4 November 27
Today we walked up Tottenham Court Road to Regents Park. Tottenham Court Road is a really busy street with a lot of electronics stores. We walked through Regents Park where the London Zoo is. The park was mostly grass with hedges and flower gardens, lots of fountains and cafes. There were boys playing rugby, private school kids at recess and lots of dogs. We went by the London Zoo (it was too expensive to go in as we only had an hour free). We saw one ostrich through the fence. We walked back to the underground and went over Clerkenwell Road. From there we walked to the studio so my Dad could do some work with Proboscis. Proboscis is a group of artists (Giles, Alice and Orlagh) who are working with my Dad who runs an organization called Render at the University of Waterloo. While they were meeting I did some sketches, built a model of a house, worked on the computer and ate blackberry candies. We took the bus to Foyles bookstore where I got a book called the Horrible History of England. We had Thai food for dinner.

Day 5 November 28
This day was the big 7 hour plane ride. On the plane I saw the London Eye, Tower bridge, the Millennium Bridge, and the Thames. The plane was filled with people from Toronto. We took a tour bus to the airport and then a shuttle to the hotel. We got there around 10:00pm (an 8 hour flight but looks like only 3 hours because of the time change).

Day 6 November 29
Today is our last day. We went to the Borough Market. We had brownies, lots of cheese, sausages and meat for lunch we had sausage on a bun (my dad had wild boar). They also sold game (deer, pigeon). From the market, we walked back home through a park to the Royal Observatory. The building is round with a large dome on top. Inside we saw telescopes, clocks, compasses and other instruments related to astronomy. We also saw a life size T.Rex robot that had realistic movements. It was very cool! We saw the mammal hall, which included mammoths and a giant sloth. They even had a blue whale and a sperm whale. We also picked up a book called Necropolis: London and Its Dead. From there we took the tube to Shakespeares Globe Theatre and the Tate Modern art gallery. Then we kept walking along the river to Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden and the South Bank. We took the boat to the entrance of the Millennium Bridge (which made people sick to walk on when it was first built), past St. Pauls, the Kings Wardrobe (a group of buildings next to the Thames River). We saw Cleopatras Needle and then crossed the river to Southbank to see the big office buildings. We were going to go skating at the rink next to the Tower but it was 12 pounds each to skate! We took the tube back to Charing Cross Station, which is right next to Trafalgar Square.

Day 7 November 30
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Day 7 November 30
Today I spent the morning at the proboscis studio. My dad was meeting with a bunch of other artists and writers to talk about book projects they were doing. While they were doing that, I built a paper model of my idea of an eco-house. I designed it with solar panels, trees and garden for growing food. The house was small do it would cost less to heat. In the afternoon with Alice and Clara to this really neat park that had a flying-fox (zip cord) and a circular swing that spins and a very large slide. The park was neat because it was fun for a 3 year old, an 11 year old and an adult. Then we went and each of us got a pizza, even Clara who is 3 and I was quite surprised that she wanted the same pizza as me (broccoli, sausage and olives).

In the evening my dad took me to a really great concert at the church of St. Martins-In-the-Field, which is on Trafalgar Square. It was a candlelit concert of violin concertos by Back and Vivaldi. The musicians were great and the church was very old. After the concert we had a drink in the crypt where they use to bury bodies! Yuck!

Day 5 November 28
Today we went to Greenwich on a boat that took us down the Thames River. We started at Big Ben and on the way we passed the London Eye, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, London Bridge, Blackfriars Bridge, St. Pauls and lots of other places. When we got there we went for a walk through a park to the Royal Observatory. The observatory is at zero longitude (also called the Greenwich Line or the Prime Meridian). I stood exactly at zero at 1 o'clock, which is Greenwich mean time. At 1 o'clock a large red ball on the top of the observatory dropped. At the observatory we saw telescopes, clocks, compasses and other tools for looking at stars. We got to climb up the rink next to the Tower but it was 12 pounds. We went for dinner in Chinatown.

Day 2 November 25
Today we walked up Tottenham Court Road to the Columbia Road flower market on a double decker bus. We picked out flowers to use in our Thanksgiving decorations. We then took the underground to Heathrow Airport. Our flight leaves London at 7:00pm and well be in Toronto by 10:00pm (an 8 hour flight but looks like only 3 hours because of the time change).

Day 1 November 23 & 24
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Today we walked up Tottenham Court Road to Brick Lane, which has a flea market. One of the best things on the market was a variety of other creatures including extinct birds like the passenger pigeon. We also saw petrified trees which is on Trafalgar Square. It was a candlelit market and on the way we passed the London Eye, Tower Bridge, London Bridge, and a variety of other places.

From there we walked to the studio so my Dad could meet with a bunch of other artists (Giles, Alice and Orlagh) who are working on a project called Render at the University of Waterloo. While we were there we saw telescopes, clocks, compasses and other tools for looking at stars. We got top climb up the entrance needle and then crossed the river to Southbank. The buildings around the edges and the cemetery was Necropolis: London and Its Dead. From there we went for dinner in Chinatown.