Dear Diary,

Friday 5th February 1810

Today has been the best day of my life! I cannot believe what has happened! Last night after the shop flooded me and Joe were determined to find more curiosities to sell. We could not have dreamed up what we found today.

We set off early and went to the usual places we find them. Quickly I found one! A small but very brilliant curiosity! I called Joe over to look at what I found, but he said that he had found an even better one. I ran over and I could not believe my eyes. I felt as though I must have been dreaming. I think I am still dreaming. It was a huge terrifying curiosity, a creature! A huge, gigantic creature! Joe looked at me and we both had no words! It looked like a huge monster stook in the rock, frozen in time. I was a little bit frightened, but I did not tell Joe that.

We then ran straight home and looked in our creatures of the world book. We still are not sure what it is, but I will find out!

Tomorrow I am going to get that curiosity one way or another!

Good night

Love from Mary Anning