

Year 5 History Trip - British Museum - October 2024

We visited the British Museum to build upon our history learning in school. We are learning all about the Anglo-Saxons.

We visited a room full of Anglo-Saxon artefacts from the Sutton Hoo burial. In 1939, an Anglo-Saxon ship burial was discovered at Sutton Hoo on the Suffolk coast. In the centre of this 27metre long ship was a burial chamber containing many Anglo-Saxon treasures. The artefacts from Sutton Hoo are displayed in the central case of Room 41 at the British Museum! They are significant because they proved that the Anglo-Saxons were not barbaric or just warrior people; they were actually skilled craftsmen who travelled and traded widely!

While exploring Room 41, we paid close attention to the Anglo-Saxon brooches. Seeing the brooches at the museum will inspire clay brooches we will soon be making at school. We spent time studying their key features and drawing patterns and motifs that we may use in our own brooch design.

