Beech and Maple Take a Trip to the British Museum

On Monday 9th February, Beech and Maple got up at the crack of dawn to board a coach to the British Museum in busy London. After two and a half hours on the road, Neston was far away and our destination loomed ahead. Our quest was to find out even more about the Anglo-Saxons.

When we arrived, we went straight to the amazing exhibit of the Sutton-Hoo burial site. We had been looking forward to seeing King Raedwald’s shining war helmet and the fabulous Fuller Brooch but we hadn’t realised that the Anglo Saxons had also worked with glass or that they made carvings from whalebones. We also spotted a replica of the Sutton Hoo lyre and quotes from Seamus Heaney’s translation of Beowulf.

Most of us managed to finish the tasks that we were set, where we had to examine the artefacts and answer questions. Some of them were difficult but, on the plus side, they helped us to look and learn in more detail.

After lunch we had lots of time left, so we visited other areas of history such as the ancient Egyptians. One of the funniest moments was when Ottie set off an alarm, which in turn set her, Poppie, Elise and Tashie off into fits of laughter. And luckily, Leighton didn’t get put in prison for sitting on a 2000 year old Egyptian statue! Despite these two accidental mishaps, we managed to do Neston proud with our behaviour.

This was the first time that some of us had been to London. We all thoroughly enjoyed our day out to the museum. Thank you Ms Cook, Ms Fallon and Ms Sims and all the wonderful parents who gave up their time to come with us!