

# Class 4 visit Sutton Hoo 2011



At Sutton Hoo Exhibition Centre. **Dominic writes:** We got to Sutton Hoo on a coach and went on a tour and we saw the burial mounds. We learnt lots of fascinating things that we never knew before.



A Saxon King's burial mound. **Sophie Y writes:** At first it didn't seem like much, But then we started the tour. It was a long way to the burial mounds. On the way to the burial mounds everyone was rushing to sit down on what was the end of a boat with a bench inside. When we got to them we had to learn about how they died.



Dominic as King Raedwald 625AD. **Ben P writes:** We went over to the burial mounds and Dominic imitated King Redwald laying dead on the floor and at the end of the talk all the boys rolled down the mound.



A ship was buried in the mound on top of the burial chamber. **Dominic writes:** We did a scale model of the size of the ship using our bodies. Out of the 18 mounds only 2 of them weren't robbed - one was the ship.





Highlight of the trip, as always, was the lunch break!



In 1934 Mrs Edith Pretty decided to have the grassy mounds in the 'back garden' of her Sutton Hoo house excavated, and employed local man and self-taught archaeologist Basil Brown to undertake the task.

**Lydia writes:** Mrs Pretty lived in a huge house where we hung our bags. We went to visit two rooms in the house.

**Dominic writes:** The house was big and we had a look around. We tried writing with an ink pen. Everyone found it quite strange but actually it was quite easy to write with. We also went into another room which had a gramophone. It was very unusual and nothing like we are used to now. It was very weird.





**Lydia writes:** Then we went to the museum and we had a piece of paper that had lots of questions. The thing that I liked the most was that there was a big hut in the centre of the floor, and inside the hut there was a fake Anglo Saxon laying on the side of the hut a straw cover covering him. Candles were dotted here and there around him. All of his weapons and valuables like his shields, spears and all of that kind of stuff. It was a bit freaky too because it looked like it was actually a real Anglo Saxon sleeping there.

**Ben P writes:** When we went to the museum we watched a film. It was really good. It told us where the Anglo Saxons invaded. We learnt lots of things. One of the things we learnt was some Anglo Saxon words like, Almighty=aelmihtig. Adder=naedre, Bake=bacan, Bark=beorcan, Cheese=ciese



Some artefacts found in the tomb and a replica of the Saxon helmet worn by King Raedwald.



A model of the Saxon boat hauled up from the river and buried alongside the king under the mound