



Maidstone Museum Learning Team

Archaeology Detectives – A load of rubbish!

Workshop Information Sheet

Useful information for before, during and after your workshop.

Workshop overview; 1 hour in length

Find out how archaeologists dig for artefacts and what the objects they find can tell us about the way people lived in the past. Children have the opportunity to record in a similar way to archaeologists, using tools and investigating artefacts. This is a practical hands on session that is based in our classroom. There are a few slides on screen to emphasise and reinforce key learning points.

Key Vocabulary and glossary;

Archaeology the study of past human life.	Metal detectorist to put in the ground and cover with earth
Archaeologist An archaeologist digs up and then studies objects such as pottery, tools, and buildings.	Clean to remove dirt from an object
Artefact an object made by people that dates back to the historical period being learned about.	Record to write or draw the details of an object that has been excavated or found
Excavate to uncover something by digging	Survival an object that has continued to exist from an earlier time, something that has lasted from an earlier age.
Stratigraphy the layers of ground that are excavated by archaeologists	Preserved to keep something in its original or existing condition
Trowel a hand tool used for digging, smoothing, or otherwise moving around small amounts earth by an archaeologist	Investigate to discover and examine facts about an object, place, event or person
Fragment a small part broken off or separated from something.	Compare to look at similarities and differences between objects
Buried something put in the ground and covered with earth	



Curriculum links;

National Curriculum; *KS2 History; understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources*

International Primary Curriculum; Milepost 1, Time Detectives – History; Milepost2, Treasure - History

Cornerstones; anything with a History link where the context and methods for discovering archaeology is covered.

Key galleries to look in; Archaeology, Egyptian

Craft workshops to accompany main workshop. Up to 1 hour in length

N/A

Arts Award – Discover in a Day

N/A

Additional website links;

<http://archaeology.mrdonn.org/games.html>

<http://www.history.org/kids/games/dirtdetective.cfm>

<http://www.yac-uk.org/>

<http://idahoptv.org/sciencetrek/topics/archaeology/facts.cfm>