

## Digging Up The Past - Archaeology and Ancient Civilizations - Handling Box

### **Archaeological Finds**

Bag containing sets of archaeological finds:

- Bag of archaeological finds replicas from Roman to WW2 (additional details below)
- Bag of local finds – common finds; medieval floor tile remnant, clay pipe section, flint piece
- Bag of local finds – buttons dating from late 1700s to mid 1900s (buttons are a very common find for metal detectors and archaeologists)
- Bag of local finds - coins dating from 1800s
- Bag of 9 metal discs showing possible materials for coins
- Broken clay pipe (replica)

### **Fossil Objects**

Box of Fossils – 8 objects in 6 compartment box (5 x ammonites, 1 x shark's tooth, 2 x orthoceras)

Large Ammonite Fossil

### **Egyptian Objects**

2 x Mini Egyptian Sarcophagus and Mummy (replica)

2 x Mini Statuettes (Babi the baboon god and an Egyptian bird god, possibly Horus) (replica)

### **Greek Objects**

2 x Greek long jumper weights (replica)

Greek discus (replica)

2 x Theatrical masks (replicas)

## **Roman Objects**

Bag of Roman Knucklebones (13 in bag); game similar to Jacks (replica)

## **Ancient Writing Related Objects**

Rosetta Stone (replica)

Roman Wax Tablet (wood and beeswax replica)

Sheets of Papyrus (4 x A4, 1 x A5)

4 x A4 laminated images of ancient writing systems

## **Activities**

Pottery Identification Activity – Bag of pottery shards and information wallet

Mystery Bag (blue bag with ? symbol for guessing activities)

## **Dig Items and Equipment**

3 x Foam Human Bones

2 x Animal Bones

1 x Animal Tooth

4 x Plastic Sieves

6 x Brushes

8 x Mini Plastic Trowels and Scrapers

5 x Metal Trowels

## **Books and Information Sheets**

‘Archaeology For Kids’ Activity Book

‘Mendip from the Air; A Changing Landscape’

‘Knowledge Masters; Ancient World’

‘Horrible Histories; The Groovy Greeks Activity Book’

'Eyewitness; Ancient Greece'

'Tony Robinson's Weird World of Wonders; Greeks'

'Horrible Histories; The Awesome Egyptians Activity Book'

'Tony Robinson's Weird World of Wonders; Egyptians'

Folder of information on local archaeological sites and finds

Information Folder Containing:

- Palaeolithic Artefact Recognition Sheet
- 2 x 'Teaching with objects' information sheets
- '30 Ideas for Learning with Objects' Booklet
- 'Big Dig' Booklets
- Artefact Recording Sheets

5 x Ancient History Desktop Timeline

### **Additional Details - Archaeological Finds Replicas Bag**

#### **Greek**

**'Owl'** - Silver tetradrachm showing the head of Athena one side and the owl on the other. The first three letters by the side of the owl show the origin as Athens, these types of coins were referred to as "owls".

**Silver stater coin** - A silver stater coin from Corinth showing Athena in a helmet on one side and Pegasus the winged horse on the other.

**Pewter ring** - Pewter finger ring with Greek key design

#### **Roman**

**Denarius Of Caesar** - A reproduction Denarius of Caesar coin with an Elephant trampling a serpent on the obverse and simpulum, sprinkler, axe and priests hat on the reverse.

**Silver Twisted Torc** - A Silver plated Roman torc inspired by original Roman artefacts. This torc is the Roman equivalent of our modern bangle.

**Emperor Ring Gilt** - A gilded pewter Emperor's gem ring inspired by an original Roman ring. Romans often used sapphires, rubies and especially wore gem rings to denote high status.

**Serpent Ring** - A pewter serpent ring inspired by an original Roman ring. Serpents and other mythical beasts were popular in Roman times.

**Roman Thimble** - A reproduction of a Roman thimble. The original thimble was made of bronze and was discovered at Roman Verulamium (St Albans). The thimble gives protection to the finger that pushes the needle in sewing.

**Roman Spoon** - A pewter reproduction of a Roman spoon with a panther engraved in the bowl. The spoon would have been used by a wealthy Roman at lavish banquets thrown to demonstrate power and influence.

## **Viking**

**Sithric Penny** - A reproduction Viking penny of Sithric with draped bust on the obverse and a long cross on the reverse.

**Rune Ring** - A pewter rune ring with runic inscription on the outside. The Vikings used mysterious symbols known as runes. They relied on these symbols for writing, telling fortunes and for protection.

## **Tudor**

**Henry VIII Half Angel coin** - A reproduction Henry VIII Half-Angel gold coin with St. Michael with a dragon on the obverse and a ship bearing a shield on the reverse.

**Mary I Ring** - A gilded pewter love ring inspired by original Tudor artefacts This finger ring would have been given as a gift of love. It is inscribed on the inside with the words 'amore vole ve' which means Love cannot exist without fidelity.'

**William Shakespeare Ring** - A gilded pewter seal ring , the original may have belonged to William Shakespeare. The ring would have been worn by an Elizabethan gentleman.

**Tudor Thimble** - A reproduction of a Tudor thimble. This Tudor thimble has the Tudor Rose on the front aspect and the Tudor Coat of Arms on the reverse. The thimble gives protection to the finger that pushes the needle in sewing.

## **Victorian**

**Victorian Penny** - An original Victorian Penny coin, minted during her reign. Queen Victoria reigned from 1837-1901. It was a period of great industrial, cultural, political, scientific, and military change within the United Kingdom, and was marked by a great expansion of the British Empire.

## **World War II**

**George VI Half-Penny** - An original George VI Half Penny coin, minted during his reign. King George VI reigned from 1936-1952. George would reign throughout World War Two and acted as a figurehead keeping up the moral of his armies and people.

**World War II medal** – King George VI world war II silver dress medal, 1939 - 1945

[Artefacts are not to be handled without adult supervision](#)

All breakages and losses will have to be charged for.

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