STORYTELLING KIT

Objects are a key way in which archaeologists find out about the past. Through examining objects and knowing the sites where they were found, archaeologists can begin to find out about the people in past, how they lived and their technology. Archaeology Scotland’s Storytelling Kit is primarily aimed at the Early Years and helps to introduce young learners or those just beginning in Archaeology to the stories behind objects.

The kit consists of four different objects: a piece of Roman Mortarium, a Viking spindle whorl, a piece of medieval green glaze pottery and a glass bottle from the 1920s. Each object comes with its own story and pictures telling how it was made, how it was used and how it was re-discovered.

The support pack contains discussion points and activities which can be undertaken after each section of the story and a framework for investigating the objects themselves.

Activities are focussed around the development of literacy skills including writing, listening and talking. For example, learners are encouraged to bring in their own objects and to tell their story or to tell their own version of the story which the objects might tell.