

Discovery session: V&A Voyage

A gallery based session led by V&A museum educators



Tippoo's Tiger, Unknown, 1793 © Victoria and Albert Museum, London

Key Stage:

KS1 & KS2

Galleries visited:

- South Asia, Room 41, Level 1
- Islamic Middle East, Room 42, Level 1
- China, Room 44, Level 1

Topics and themes:

- World cultures and links to British history
- Art & Design, History and R.E

Summary:

This talk takes students on a cultural journey through India, South Asia and the Islamic Middle East. It looks at traditional Indian objects and tells the story of Tipu's Tiger. Learn about the Emperor of China and the symbolism of the Chinese dragon, lion and other animals through traditional craftsmanship. Explore objects found in the Islamic Middle East including the world famous Ardabil carpet and the Picnic tile.

National Curriculum Links: This talk will contribute to learning about:

- The work of a range of artists, craft makers and designers, describing the differences and similarities between different practices and disciplines, and making links to their own work.
- About great artists, architects and designers in history.
- A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – (one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization)

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Follow up activities:

- Design your own jail screens using patterns found in the Islamic Middle East and South Asia galleries
- Design and print floral textile designs inspired by objects you saw on the tour.
- Write up the story of Tipu's Tiger. What happened next?