

ANCIENT GREECE

Follow-up 2: Greek vases

Objectives: To be able to examine artefacts and identify similarities.

Materials: Pictures of a variety of ancient Greek vases.

Class set-up: Groups with drawing materials.

Vocabulary: motif

Activity:

After looking through the website or a visit to a museum with a good collection of Greek vases, ask the children if they can name what kind of things are often portrayed on Greek vases. Myths? Sports? Banqueting? Everyday life?

Then ask the children if they noticed any other similarities on the vases apart from the figured scenes. Are there any similar motifs or shapes?

The children can now design their own Greek vase. You could perhaps divide the class and have different groups try a myth, another group tries a sport, and so on.

Extensions:

More able children could find out about the different styles of Greek vase e.g. Geometric, Black Figure, Red Figure.

Background information:

For more information visit www.ancientgreece.co.uk and look at the following section

The Daily Life chapter – explore section.

You may find the following Background Information sheets, found on www.ancientgreece.co.uk useful for this activity:

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