

# DECORATION & SYMBOLISM

*Look at the red table  
or throne at the front  
of the gallery:*

- Who did this object belong to? Look at the dragons for a clue.
- What animals can you find? Draw two of your favourites.
- What do these animals symbolise?
- If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
- Draw your animal symbol below.

# MATERIALS & PROCESSES

*Select one of the five materials or processes:*

*ceramic, jade, silk, lacquer or cloisonné:*

- Find an object made of the material you have chosen.
- Draw one part of the object in as much detail as you can.
- Use three words to describe it; how it might feel, sound, taste, or smell.
- What is it used for – tools, boxes, cups, clothes, furniture or something else?
- Explore the gallery. In what other ways has this material been used?

# HEAVEN & EARTH

*Look at the dragon robes at the front of the gallery:*

The robes show dragons rising out of the water and hitting clouds, making rain, which helps crops grow and provides food. It symbolises the Emperor's care for his subjects.

- Find the following symbols or patterns on the robes: dragons, clouds, mountains, waves and pearls. Make a sketch of each one.
- List three things an English king or queen would wear to show their status. Do they have their own patterns or symbols?