Discovery session: V&A Voyage
A gallery-based session led by V&A museum educators

Owl vessel, 1200-1100 BC, Shang dynasty, China. Suit of armour, 1400-15000, Japan.
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Key Stage:
KS1 & KS2

Galleries visited:
South Asia, Room 41, Level 1
Islamic Middle East, Room 42, Level 1
China, Room 44, Level 1
Japan, Room 45, Level 1

Summary:
This talk takes students on a cultural journey through Japan, India, South Asia and the Islamic Middle East. Students will explore the story of Tipu’s Tiger, learn about the symbolism of the Chinese dragon, discover the famous Ardabil carpet and journey to Japan to see the Samurai armour.

National Curriculum Links:
This talk will contribute to learning about:
KS1 Art & Design

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• 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.

KS2 Art & Design
• About great artists, architects and designers in history.

Ks2 History
• A non-European society that provides contrasts with British history – (one study chosen from: early Islamic civilization)
• The achievements of the earliest civilizations – an overview of where and when the first civilizations appeared and a depth study of one of the following: The Shang Dynasty of Ancient China

Follow up activities:
Design your own robe inspired by the dragon robes in the China gallery. What colours, patterns and images would you choose?

Write the story of Tipu’s Tiger from a different point of view – imagine you are either Tipu, the soldier or the tiger. Compare your story with someone who chose a different point of view – how are your stories different?

Booking Information:
Available: Monday-Friday
Cost: FREE
Timing: 1 hour beginning at 10.30, 11.45 & 13.00
Capacity: Maximum 30 students per session
Book now: 020 7942 2000