



Treasures from Japan

GO TO the second floor, gallery 37: Japan

Find the samurai warrior clothing. Next to it you can see these metal stirrups. What are stirrups for?



Find these fighting men



They are doing a Japanese sport. Do you know what it is called?

Find a shishi dog (also known as a lion dog)



Did you know shishi dogs normally go in pairs. They can ward off evil spirits from your house. Draw another shishi dog above to complete the pair.

Find this Japanese dish

What is the dish in the shape of?



Find a display case all about netsuke and inrō

Traditionally Japanese people carried their belongings about in a wooden container called an inrō. It would be tied on to a person's belt with a carved wooden bead or toggle called a netsuke. Netsuke could be very fancy shapes.

Can you find these tiny netsuke in the case?



Can you find this inrō?



**GO through to
gallery 36, just next door**

Find this statue of a Japanese fisherman. Look closely:

Can you spot:

fish **how many?**

bare feet

a bag on his belt



How do you think he is feeling? _____

Find this green gold vase.

What creature is it decorated with?

Look closely and see if you can spot the waves decorating the vase.



In the same gallery (36), find some unusual containers.

What creatures can you see when you look at them:



Finally, find your favourite object in the Japan galleries and draw a picture of it, or describe it here.

