

Archaeology at Mill Waters heritage site



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What is this person doing?



Archaeologists are like detectives

But, instead of looking for finger prints, they look for clues about the history of a place.



Archaeologists are also time travellers

- They look for things under the ground, sea or even in caves, to form a picture of the people who lived there up to hundreds of years ago.
- The objects they find provide evidence of an earlier civilisation's lifestyle, culture, rituals and the everyday objects they used.
- The deeper archaeologists dig the further back in history they can explore.



A Roman bowl



Stone age cave drawings

Why do archaeology?



Jorvik Viking Centre

In York archaeologists have excavated parts of the city to reveal lots of artefacts left by the Vikings who once lived there.

Amongst the finds were jewellery, bowls and even Viking poo!

You can see these objects, as well as find out how the Vikings lived, by visiting the Jorvik Museum.



Italy's 'lost city' of Pompeii

The Roman city of Pompeii was buried under the lava when Mount Vesuvius, a nearby volcano, erupted in AD 79 - 1,941 years ago.



How do archaeologists collect evidence?



Historic Environment Records

County Hall, Nottingham

