

Now climb up one more set of stairs. In this room you will see a **large brass telescope**.

Aztecs believed that many of their Gods and Goddesses had been transformed into stars. Ancient Egyptians believed that the Milky Way was a heavenly river that the sun and moon floated on.

In Dumfries a local group turned a windmill into an observatory so that people could look more closely at the moon and stars to find scientific evidence about them.

The group was called the D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and

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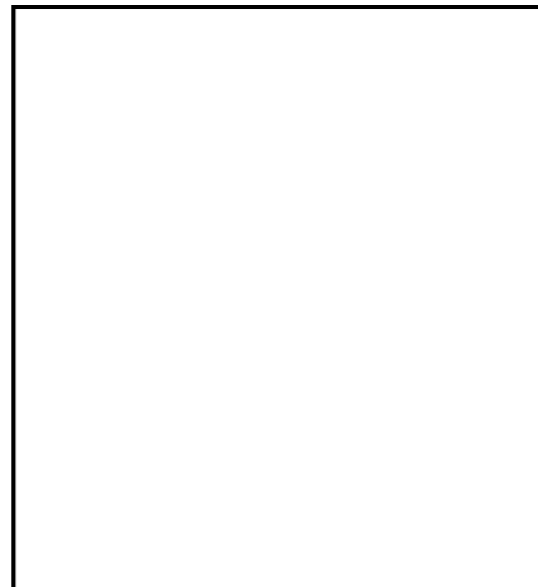
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By doing this trail you have seen lots of things that were important to people trying to understand the world around them. Do you or your family own a special object? Perhaps something linked to your own faith, or something you consider lucky or special?

Draw or describe your special item in the box.

Or you could choose something you like in the museum and draw it.



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# Gallery Investigation

## Wonder and understanding



Humans have always asked questions like, "What is this?" and "Why?" .

Explore the museum. Discover objects that were important to people as they questioned the world around them and developed systems of faith or religion in response to what they found.

First make your way into the **Main Hall** and turn right. Find a case that tells you about the **First Farmers**. This case holds lots of objects which were useful such as axes, arrow heads, knives and pots.

There is a mysterious object in the case and no-one knows what it was used for.

It is a c \_ \_ \_ \_ d s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ .

Similar ones have been found all over Scotland. It has been suggested that they had a religious use. What do you think it was used for?

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Now look in the case at the **end of the Main Hall** (next to the log boats). Find the **Celtic mirror**.

This mirror was found in a bog. It may have been put there as an offering to Celtic Gods.

What would you be willing to throw into a bog as a gift to the Gods?

Would you ask for something in return?

I would throw in \_\_\_\_\_

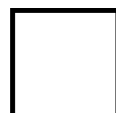
I would ask the Gods to \_\_\_\_\_

Now look around the **Main Hall** for a case called **The First Christians**.

This case contains stones with cross shapes carved into them by early Christians.

These were g \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**The cross** is an important symbol for many Christians, how many crosses can you see in this case?



Now head **up the stairs** and turn right onto the **Balcony** and then through the archway into the **upper Gallery**.

Find a case called **Town and Trade**.

In this case you will see the **Town Seal**. This seal has a picture of an angel on it.

He is called Saint M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

He is considered to be a brave warrior angel who fought the devil with a sword or a spear. Why do you think that the people of Dumfries would choose this angel as a symbol of protection for the town?



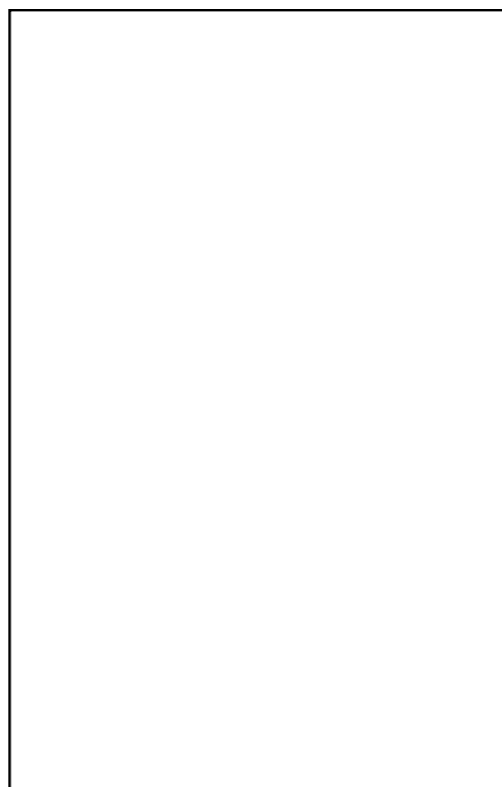
This Saint is also painted onto a drum.  
What mythical creature is he standing on?

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Now go into the **Windmill** and down to the **Sacred Stones** room.

The **alters** in here were very important to the people who made them. They have carved patterns, animals and flowers on them.

Chose your favourite design and draw it in the box.



Find the hog back gravestone. What does the pattern on it represent?

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Death is a mystery that is difficult to understand. People have many different beliefs about what happens when someone dies. Gravestones are made to help us remember the person who has died.

What other things do people do to pay respect when someone dies?

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Can you spot a **stone heart** in this room?

This was the symbol of the D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ family.



Can you think of a symbol or badge for your family? What do you hope people will think when they see this?

My family's symbol would be \_\_\_\_\_

When people see this, what will they think \_\_\_\_\_

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Now go up **two** sets of the windmill stairs and find a board called **Measuring and Forecasting the Weather**.

Some people used to believe that the weather was controlled by Gods. Can you see the picture of the Aztec Sun God?

The **Norse God of Thunder** was called \_ \_ \_ \_

What do you believe controls the weather ?

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