Discovering ancient Assyria

Sat 26 October, 2–5pm. Ages 8–80+

What’s On

Visit the Welcome Desk at the Courtyard Entrance to find out more!

**Gallery quiz** (Welcome Desk): Hunt down the Fitz’s Assyrian kings and genies.

**Colour your own Assyrian genie** (Welcome Desk): Decorate the Fitz’s Assyrian genies in bright colours.

**Object discovery session – cuneiform tablets**
(3:15–3:45pm in Gallery 21): See some of the Fitz’s 3000-year-old cuneiform tablets up close. Find out how Assyrian scribes wrote letters on clay.

**Discover Assyria mini-talks** (Seminar Room):
Who was the Assyrian king? Why were there winged genies decorating his palace?

*Talk times are listed over the page.*

**Read your future, the Assyrian way**
2–3pm, 3:30–4:30pm in the Studio (no. 36 on the Floor Plan):
Meet our resident diviner, who will read your future using oil and water. Pick up a timed ticket (10 minute slots) in the Studio.

**Write like an Assyrian**
Drop-in. 2–3pm, 3:30–4:30pm in the Studio:
Try writing your name in cuneiform script on clay. Take your clay tablet home with you!

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**Discover Assyria mini-talks**

Talks will be held in the Seminar Room (no. 35 on the Floor Plan) Each lasts 10–15 minutes. Drop-in: no booking needed.

**The Assyrian king**
2.15pm, 4.00pm

Find out about the Assyrian king, the all-powerful ruler of a mighty ancient empire.
– Silvie Zamazalová (University of Cambridge)

**Assyrian genies**
3.00pm, 4.30pm

Who or what are the Fitz’s Assyrian winged genies? Find out about these 3000-year-old objects that once decorated the Assyrian king’s palace.
– Dr Eleanor Robson (University College London)

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