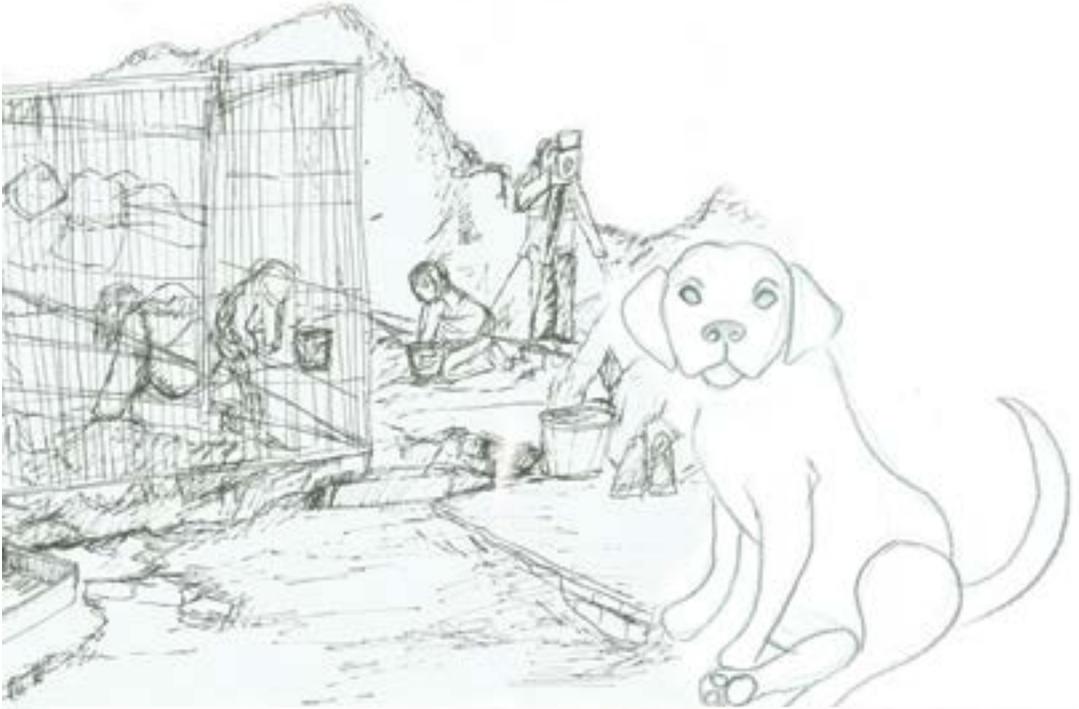


Oakington Archaeology



Over 1000 years ago, in the 6th century AD, people known as the Anglo-Saxons lived and died in Oakington. Archaeologists can learn a lot from settlement and burial sites such as Oakington. The objects they find help them to know what happen a long time ago. Would you like to help?

Activity 1



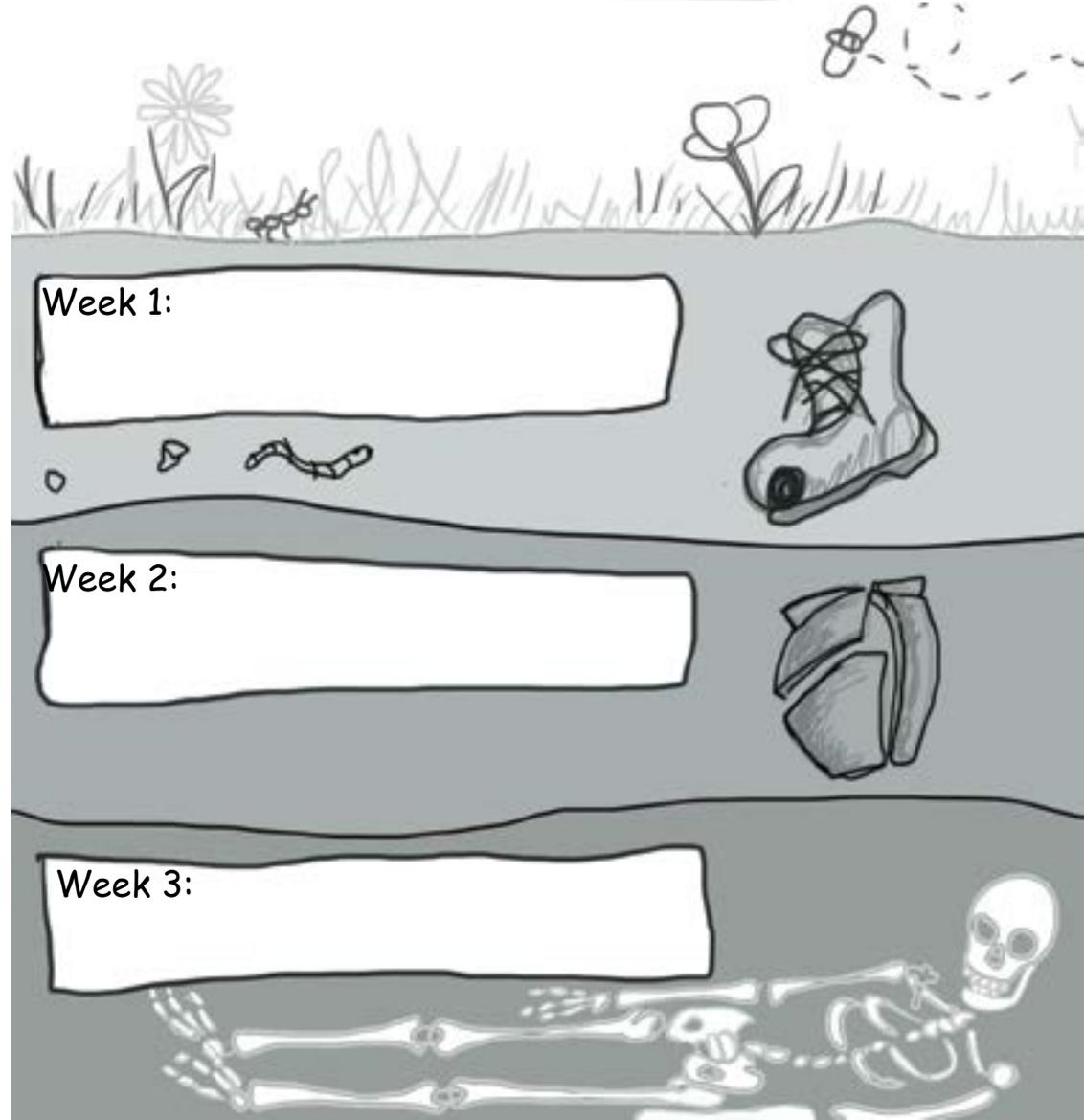
Imagine you're an archaeologist, what tools do you think you would need to take with you to a dig? Circle the tools you think you'll need, we'll be asking you what's in your wheelbarrow and why you picked it, so choose carefully!



Activity 2



You've arrived on site and you've started digging. It is important to write down what you find so that other people can know about what you're doing too. In your diary write down what you found on your dig in weeks one, two and three.



Activity 3



You've found a skeleton! To date, archaeologists have found over 100 skeletons in Oakington, that's quite a lot don't you think? Can you help us name these bones?



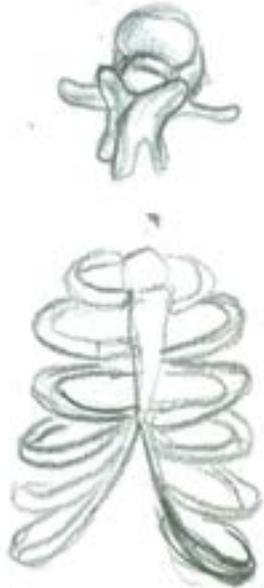
ribs

leg
(femur, tibia, fibula)

arm
(humerus, ulna and radius)

backbone
(vertebra)

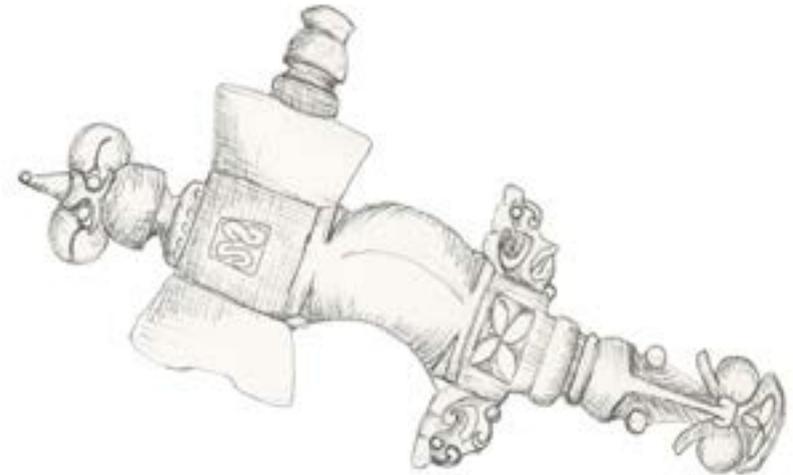
skull



Activity 4

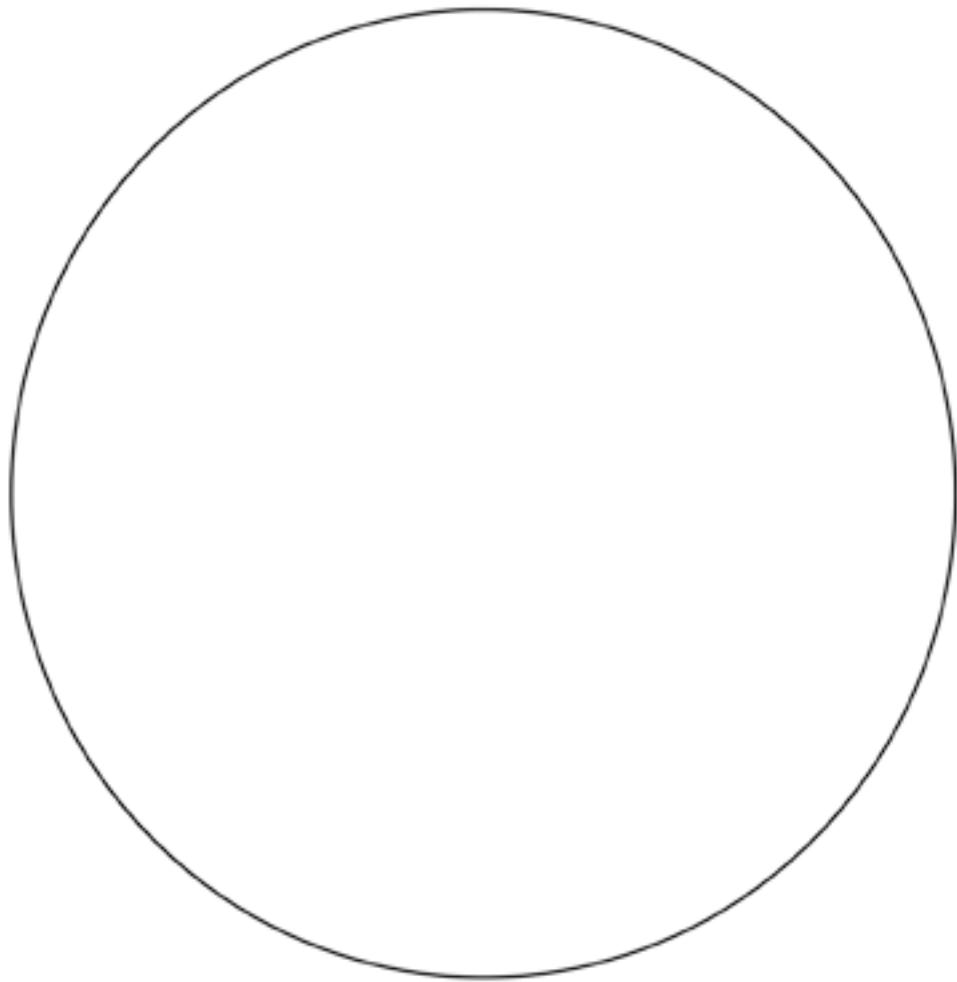


Here at Oakington, a lot of our skeletons are buried with **grave goods** such as brooches and knives. The Anglo Saxons were **Pagans** and believed animals were very powerful. They used them as symbols when they decorated their jewellery and weapons. This is a **cruciform brooch** which, if you look closely, shows a horse.



Can you think of what using a horse could mean?

Activity 5





Imagine you are a warrior going into battle. You need to decorate your shield, what animals would you use and why?



You've been invited to display what you've found at the local museum can you write a small poem to go next to your objects to help others understand others what you have been doing?

Glossary



We archaeologists sometimes use difficult words here are some explained to for you.

Archaeologist - A person who looks for the past underneath the ground

Cruciform Brooch - a piece of jewellery worn by Anglo Saxons in the shape of a cross.

Grave Goods - Objects the Anglo Saxons chose to bury with their dead.

Pagan - Worshipping many gods.



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