When King Ashurbanipal II (883–859 BC) of Assyria (modern northern Iraq) made Nimrud his capital he built palaces and temples in the city and decorated them with huge stone sculptures and reliefs. As well as pictures of himself, there were gods, goddesses and monsters from ancient Assyrian religion.

On this relief the god Ninurta, chief god of the city of Nimrud and god of thunderstorms, chases the chaos monster Anzu.

Use this drawing to help you spot all the different things on the relief.

Have you found the sandals, thunderbolts and claws?

The chaos monster Anzu is shown as half lion, half eagle.

If you were a monster of chaos which two animals would you be?