For thousands of years the people of Central America have used fantastic creatures as powerful symbols. They have made sculptures of real animals, like rabbits or monkeys, as well as imaginary ones, like fire serpents.

Find the large carved sculpture of a coiled rattlesnake near the middle of the room.

Can you see the detail underneath? What do you think the rattle on the end of its tail is for? Make the sound the rattle might make.

As you explore the rest of this room look out for more animals.

Here are three to begin with.

- A serpent with two heads
- A monkey scratching its head
- A ceramic vase that looks like a dog

Can you spot any more animals?