This room is the oldest in the current Museum building. It was originally a library. Today it is full of displays which help us to explore how British people 300 years ago tried to understand the natural and human world by collecting and studying objects. There are collections of fossils, shells, ancient Greek vases and much more.

As you walk through the room keep an eye out for groups of objects which you find particularly interesting.

The display cases go from the floor to the ceiling so there is plenty to look at.

Can you find something …

- covered with writing
- used for drinking
- decorated with pictures of people
- smaller than your hand

What object would you give to a museum so that people in the future would understand what your life is like today?

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Before you leave this room, look up at the ceiling. Wow!