

## Hunting with Hounds

Although animals are important to us today, in Roman times, 2000 years ago, they would have been even more vital. Roman people depended on animals for food, to move them around the countryside and provide them with clothing. They used them for war, for building and for sport.

The Romans were a very superstitious people and believed that having pictures or statues of animals would bring them luck. A popular hobby with the Romans was hunting so perhaps having a carving of a hunting dog would mean that you were luckier when you were hunting.

In the Roman Baths we have pieces of pottery decorated with hunting scenes.

This is just one of them.

This cup is decorated with a dog chasing a hare. It was found on the site of a Roman villa in Combe Down, near Bath in 1854. We believe this villa was large and very important. A Latin inscription found nearby suggests it may even have been the headquarters of the governor of southern Britain. The exact position is now lost.



# Make a Hunting Hound Mosaic

Bring some luck to your next hunting expedition (or perhaps just have some fun) by making this Hunting Hound mosaic.



**What you will need:** paint of different colours, paint brush, pencil, at least two pieces of card, glue, scissors.

**What to do:** on your first piece of card draw out roughly what you would like to do. Remember, to keep your drawing simple.

On your second piece of card paint the colours that you are going to need to make your mosaic.  
Now wait for them to dry.

When the paint is dry you can cut the colours into 1cm squares.

Lay the squares on to your picture and when you are happy glue them down.

