Olya's Riddle

I live in a gallery
That is cold and small
With birds, fruit and flowers
On a dark green wall
With worms, bugs and flies
I would like to eat
I have three large eggs
And a chest at my feet
And if my riddle was not in vain
Why don’t you try
To say my name!

Ella's Riddle

Sitting in my case
Bushy moustache on my face
My mouth open wide
So opponents run and hide
Steel and coloured thread
Fancy helmet for my head
Covered leg to arm
I’ll protect you all from harm

Riddle-me-ree!
Fancy writing a riddle yourself? Have a go and send it to us at families@ashmus.ox.ac.uk

Alex's Riddle

I am a god of the Nile
With the head of a big crocodile
If you go looking for fish
I might grant your wish
But you’d better make me smile!

RIDDLE TRAIL

Are you ready to riddle? Our Visitor Experience Team has written some riddles about their favourite things. Crack the riddles and use the picture clues to find them.

1. Alex’s Riddle

What am I?

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Who am I?

Stay on the ground floor. Go to Gallery 23: Dynastic Egypt and Sudan

6. Olya’s Riddle

What animal am I?

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7. Ella’s Riddle

What am I?

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Well done! You’ve completed the Riddle Trail.

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Enjoy the objects on display but please don’t touch!
2. Sam's Riddle
Made in Knossos
Right by the sea
I have survived
Since 1400BC
Suckered arms
All in motion
Usually I'm found
Beneath the ocean
Now I'm wrapped
Around a jar
If you're in Greece
Then I'm not far

What animal am I?

3. Ellie's Riddle
The woods were asleep
But now they stir
With reds and greens
A sudden blur
The room is silent
But the painting loud
A burst of life
With hooves and hounds

What am I?

4. Dan's Riddle
Splash into my painting
What is this I sit upon?
With rounded head and tail so long
Look! It's curled beneath my chubby bum!

What animal am I?

5. Brigitta's Riddle
Quack!
I'm a bird loose in the museum!
Escaped from the farmyard
Silver I now guard
I sit up high
Close to the sky
Don't try to sneak
Or floorboards will creak

What animal am I?

CLUE

Stay on level 2. Go
to Gallery 48: Still-Life Paintings
Stay in Gallery 43:
Italian Renaissance
Now go up to level 2.
Go to Gallery 43:
Italian Renaissance
Stay on level 2. Go
to Gallery 55: Silver