Sketchbook ideas: Animals

Animals have inspired art since the age of the cave paintings. Animals:
• feature in ancient myths and stories
• have been carved in stone for temples
• have been made as models to go in the tombs of the dead
• have been painted as pets or enemies
• feature in designs on plates, cups, bowls, glass, metalwork and fabrics

Recording your thoughts...
> What words describe your animal?
> What does this animal make you think of?
> How was it made / decorated?
> What stories might your animal be able to tell?

Good galleries to explore:
Gallery 10: China to AD 800
Gallery 19: Ancient Near East
Gallery 22-27: Ancient Egypt & Nubia
Gallery 20: Aegean World
Gallery 32: India from AD 600
Gallery 40: European Ceramics

Further resources
Ashmolean Education: www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources
Ashmolean Eastern Art Online: www.jameelcentre.ashmolean.org/