



Vocabulary	Meaning
cuneiform	one of the earliest systems of writing
stylus	a writing implement
inscription	write or carve (words or symbols) on something
impression	a mark impressed on a surface
imprint	impress or stamp (a mark or outline) on a surface
seal	a piece of wax, lead or other material with an individual design stamped on it
sculpture	make or represent a form by carving, casting or other shaping techniques
portrait	a painting, drawing, photograph or engraving of a person, especially one depicting only the face or head and shoulders
artefact	an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or historical interest
symbol	a thing that represents or stands for something else
plaque	an ornamental table, typically of metal, porcelain or wood
raised	elevated to a higher position or level; lifted
ceramic	made of clay and permanently hardened by heat
grouting	a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall or floor tiles
adhesive	able to stick fast to a surface or object; sticky

Key knowledge – Cylinder Seal

Cylinder seals were a small, carved stone cylinder that was used to make an impression in wet clay. When these seals were rolled on wet clay they left an impression. **Cylinder** is a round 3D shape with a top and bottom in the shape of a circle.



Key knowledge – different art forms

Mosaic - a picture or pattern produced by arranging together small pieces of stone, tile, glass etc



Bust - a sculpture of a person's head, shoulder and chest.



Key knowledge - Techniques

Kneading – to massage or squeeze with your hands. **Kneading** removes air bubbles from the clay. As water is constantly evaporating from clay, **kneading** the clay redistributes the water.

