

Fact Sheet: Tortoise 176



- This is a small figurine of a tortoise.
- 176 is the figurine's accession number – this is the unique number used to identify it in the Great North Museum: Hancock's records.
- The figurine is made from clay (which is also called 'terracotta'). It was made in a mould, before it was decorated and then fired in a kiln.
- Figurines like this were probably toys for children.
- The figurine was made in Greece between 480 and 323 BC.
- The figurine is 3.22cm high.
- The figurine is 6.34cm long.
- The figurine weighs 45g.
- The tortoise was made in a press mould to create the details on the top. The bottom, including the feet would have been moulded by hand.

This is a **modern replica** of the tortoise: it was made by a potter, using clay, like the ancient, original object. It is not exactly the same size and shape as the real tortoise, but it gives you an idea of what the object feels like.

There is a modern replica of the tortoise in your resources box: handle it and see if you prefer the replica or the 3D print?



Tortoise replica

Tortoise 3D-print



This is a **3D-print** of the tortoise. The ancient, original object was scanned and it has been printed in plastic. It is exactly the same size as the real tortoise, but it is not the same weight and it does not feel the same.

There are two 3D prints of the tortoise in your resources box: handle one and see if you prefer the 3D print or the replica?