#ARCHIVELOTTERY 2016: INTRO

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Adam picking objects for all the lovely tweeters

After a hiatus in 2015, we're back this year with our special #dayofarch game

Throughout the day we will be exploring the Museum of London's Archaeological Archive with you, the good Tweeters of the word helping us do so.

We have five major areas of the Archive to explore: General finds, Registered finds, Environmental, Metal and Paper Records.

Each hour throughout the day we will be exploring some of our archaeological finds interactively and completely randomly. But we need your help. Here's what to do.

We'll give you a range of numbers
You tweet us a random number from within that range
We head to the archive shelf that has the matching number
We'll tweet back & show you what sits on that shelf
Simple.

We're kicking off at 10am and will start by exploring our General finds: artefacts that are normally treated as an assemblage – pottery, animal bone, building material etc. – the stuff making up the bread and butter of London's archaeological material. We have over 4000 shelves of general finds in the archive, so what we would like you to do is suggest a shelf number between 1 and 4300, and tweet me @AdamCorsini using the hashtags #ArchiveLottery. We will then go to, photograph and blog about the objects we find there.

So get tweeting people and if you're not on Twitter, find someone who is!