

Introduction

- Over the past 4 weeks we have been looking and discussing ways of recording objects in an Anthropological form.
- We described and took photographic evidence of each item. (Kathy used her sketching skills for this)
- We then ask questions to ascertain;
- Item description-
- Dimensions, material, weight, colour, smell, sound, texture, was the item decorated.
- How the item was -
- Used, when and how often, how it worked, other uses it may have, was the item complete or not, anything missing and does it symbolise something.

- We then asked where/who the item was from, how long had we had it and the cost
- Was it made for us, how it was made and would it be replaceable.
- Did someone give it to us, what it reminded us of, where we keep it and what does it mean.
- What the item was called, its name.
- Finally
- What would the item look like in 1000 years
- What does it say about Us?

- All the items had an intended function, but they also had other theme – specific and personal to everyone.
- Intrinsic property.
- Space.
- Art.
- Discarded object.
- Archaeological artefact.
- and
- Memory – which is the theme that I will be looking a little further into now.

Memory

The human memory can be likened to a filing cabinet, we take the information in , store it and recall it, which can be many years later in some cases. This information is never forgotten , just filed away for when it is needed.

These memories can be happy , sad and they are often a mix of both. They help us to recollect, reminisce and often evoke emotions, but they can also provide comfort and contentment.

Wedding Ring

- Gold (18ct) - precious metal
- Engraved inside S.G & T.J 29.8.92 (our initials and date of our marriage)
- Symbol of Marriage
- Designed a by my late husband, given to me on our Wedding Day, as a symbol of our marriage.
- This ring brings back memories of very happy times.
- My late husband is still a very large part of mine and our daughter's life's , he is spoken about all the time and will never be forgotten.
- This ring will soon be changed into another item, which will add to its memory and give it a slightly new function.



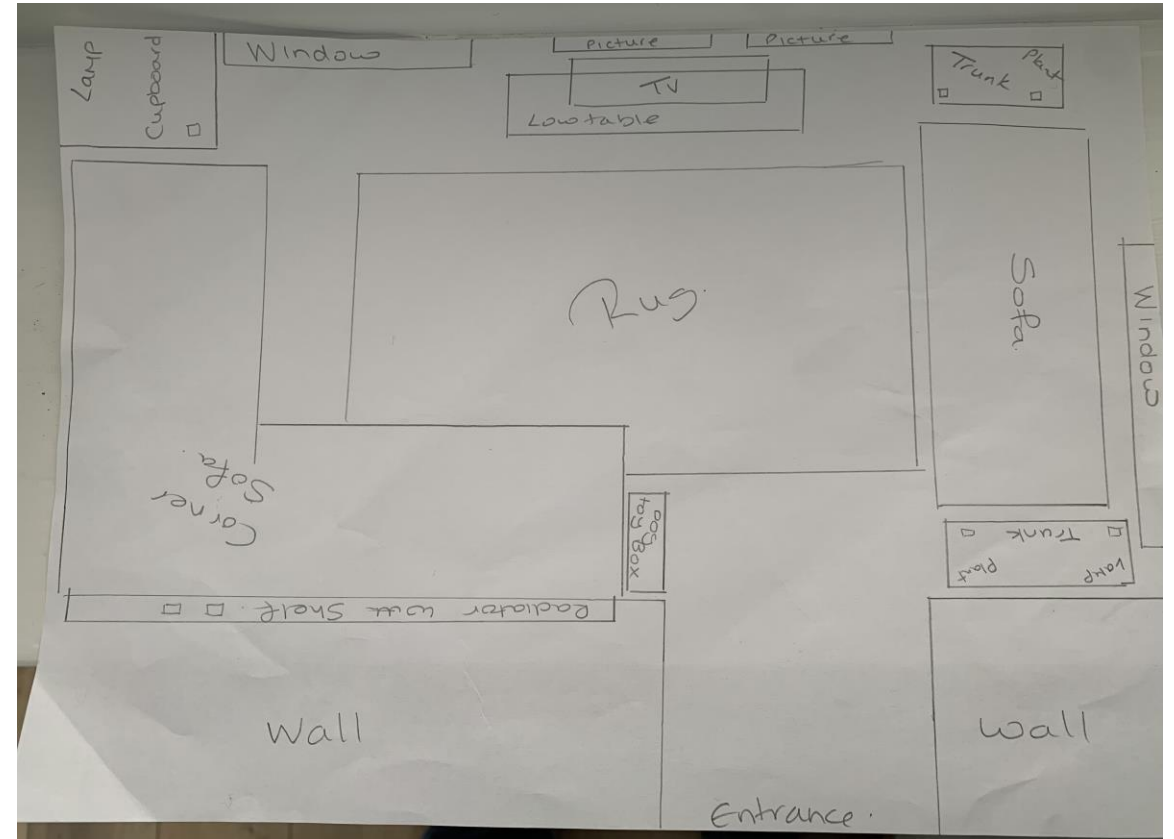


Water Bottle

- 26cms high by 6cm wide and looks like most other water bottles.
- Blue(Cambridge Blue) and made of stainless steel.
- Insulated, keeps contents cold or hot
- Given by my daughter, whilst she was studying at Cambridge Uni, where she flourished in so many ways and her time there has enabled her to have many options now.
- Could replace, but the new one would not have the same sentimental value.
- Good for me to drink water and good for the environment, as it is reusable.

Room Plan - Playroom

- 25ft long by 20ft wide
- Was a playroom, now used as a TV room (still called the Playroom)
- Decorated and dressed in a minimalistic way now.
- Only really used in the evenings or if friends are visiting or staying.
- Memories of when my children were younger, and both my litters of puppies were born in here. You have probably guessed by now, that our dogs are very important to our family; we include them when we say family and are very much part of the social relationship in our home.
- Room will continue to make memories, just different ones as its use has changed and will continues to change.



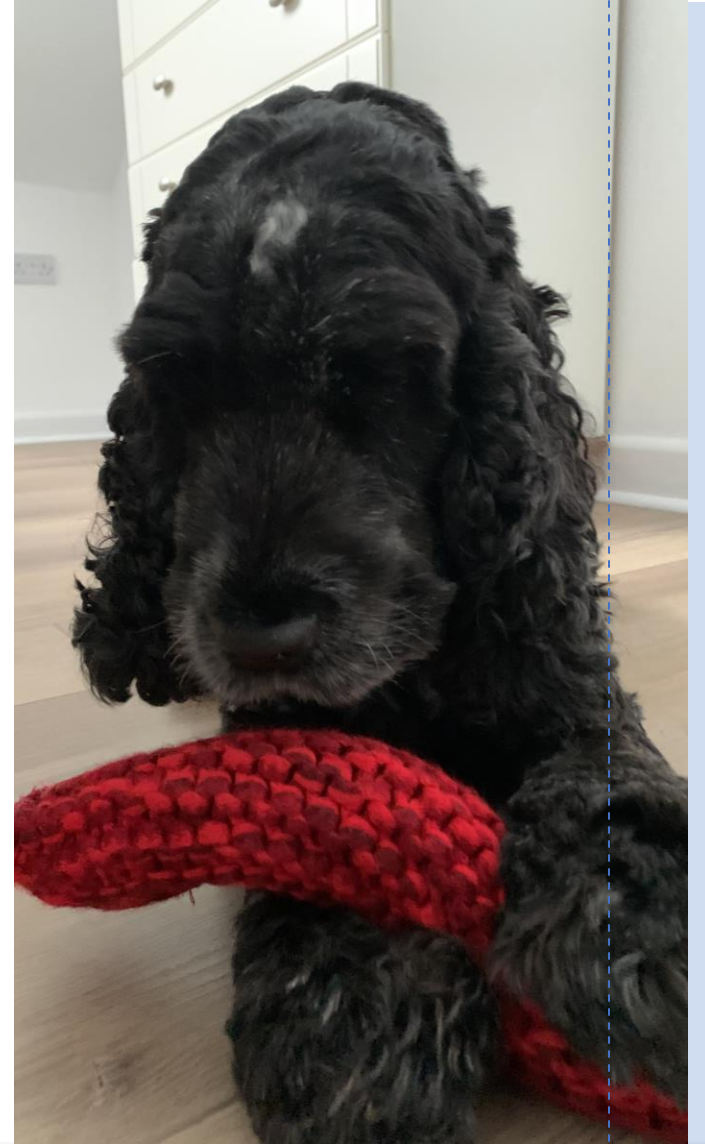
Dog Dummy

- 30cm x 5cm
- Mixture of red in colour and made from recycled wool, which my children used to practice knitting with.(always try to reuse, repurpose and recycle, this possibly stems from another memory from my childhood – Make do and Mend!) Soft and easy to carry in mouth.
- Used to train my dogs and to exercise their minds. Happy dogs, happy house!
- My dogs recognise this dummy by sight and remember what this toy means - FUN – even if rather competitive



Success

The victorious one Daisy, she is often the "winner", as she is the alpha female of the pack since we lost her dear mum in August.



Ivy does not miss out, perhaps as in our families the youngest one tends to be a little spoilt.

