



Stone Age Man

KS2 [Extension Activities]

Art

Fashion – You are a fashion designer in the stone age and have been asked to design something for people to wear. For a bit of fun and added creativity you could design workwear, casualwear, and even eveningwear! Think about the materials and styles that would work best. Perhaps your class teacher could pick their favourite pieces and you could try to make them using paper, bits of fabric and anything you can find from outside. These could then be put on display for other children to enjoy.

Cave paintings – Create your own cave paintings using a range of different mediums to mimic the types of things that would have been used at that time. Experiment with crushed charcoal, mud, berries and oils to create your masterpiece.

English

Diary entries - Imagine life as a hunter gatherer. Write a diary entry describing your day. What can you see, hear, smell, feel and what can kinds of activities fill your time? What kind of home do you live in and what kinds of animals are you hunting? Did you manage to catch anything for your dinner? How did you make your tools? You could draw images to help describe what kinds of things you are up to, perhaps drawing in the style of cave paintings you can find in books or online to help make your work more authentic.





History

Animals – Research the types of animals you might find in the stone age period. What kinds of fossils have been found since then and what does it tell us about them? (diet, habitat, size, strength).

Homestyle – What do we know about homes in the stone age? Find out what they were built from and compare them with homes today. Can you find any similarities in materials that were used, style and shape? How about building your own shelter?

Design and technology

Build a shelter - Ask the children to build themselves a prehistoric home. You could test how effective it would be in the event of different weather conditions. What would make a good shelter?

Maths

Animals - Create a chart to compare the different sizes and heights of different animals from the stone age. Can you relate and compare these sizes to objects that exist today to get a better sense of proportion?





Geography

Location, location, location - Make maps to show any surviving stone age monuments in the UK. Are there any that you could visit to learn more about? Create a small tourist brochure giving information about the monument, its location and why people should visit it.

Science

Rocks and fossils – What can you find out about rocks and fossils? Try making a poster showing how rocks or fossils are formed.

Music

Magic Mountain – Watch the Magic Mountain 'Stone Age Man' video. Learn and perform the song 'Stone Age Man' from our POPTOPICS catalogue. You could perform this in an assembly to the rest of your school. How many facts can you find within the song?

Journey through the Stone Age – Try composing your own piece of music to represent a journey through the stone age. You could use percussion instruments to help create your piece, and could even try to match it to your diary entry of a day in the life of a stone age man. Experiment with dynamics, pitch, tempo, rhythm and even vocal sounds.

