

Half Term History Homework Challenge

McCartney Class Hawking Class Simmonds Class

This half term we have been learning about life in prehistoric Britain. We have learnt about the people and how they survived during the Stone Age.

Your Half Term Challenge is to use your Art and Craft skills to make one of the following:

- A Stone Age axe
- Stone Age jewellery
- A woolly mammoth

You will need some adult help.



Here are some instructions to help you.

Stone Age Axe

You will need

- Newspaper
- Masking tape
- Paper Mache paste (home made or shop bought).
- Paint
- Scissors
- Household Twine/string



<https://www.redtedart.com/stone-age-craft-how-to-make-a-paper-axe/>

Take 4 large sheets of newspaper and scrunch them up along the longer length to make your long wooden handle shape. Secure with masking tape in a few places and then paper mache thin strips of newspaper along the length. You need 3-4 layers. Leave to dry overnight.

Scrunch 3-4 sheets of newspaper into balls and tape together with masking tape to make a rough stone axe head shape. Take strips of newspaper dipped in paper mache paste and wrap them around the scrunched newspaper. Use the wet stripes to help shape your axe head. Again, you will need 3-4 layers. Leave to dry overnight.

Using very sharp scissors cut down the middle of one end of your axe handle (you may need an adult to help you with this). Cut it long enough for your axe head to slot down in-between AND have some axe handle sticking up above.

Take some more strips and wrap them around the cut parts of the handle.

Slot the paper mache axe head in place. Squeeze the two pieces of handle together and secure in place by wrapping some more paper mache strips around it. You may need to add some more newspaper stripes just underneath the axe head to hide and cut marks and neaten the handle. Leave to dry completely.

When dry you can paint your axe and add household twine to finish it off.

Small branches from the garden are great for propping up the axe whilst it dries and can make it easier to paint all the way around the handle.

Salt Dough Necklace

<https://thejammyjigsaw.wordpress.com/2018/03/04/how-to-make-a-bone-necklace-from-salt-dough-stone-age-fancy-dress/>

You will need:

- A cup of flour,
- Half a cup of salt
- Half a cup of water.

What You Do:

1. Mix the flour & salt in a bowl, add the water and mix until it forms a dough. Add a little more flour if it's sticky.
2. Form the dough into bone shapes.
3. Use a thick straw to make a hole through each one.
4. The bones would also work well for burying in sand or soil for an archaeological dig in which case you wouldn't need the holes.
5. Pop the bone shapes on a plate and microwave turning them over each minute. The smaller bones will take about 3 and a half minutes, the larger ones about 4 and a half. Put kitchen towel under them to help them dry out.
6. Thread the bones onto garden string or natural coloured wool so they are roughly symmetrical with the smaller bones at the sides and the bigger bones in the middle.
7. Ask an adult to cut the string to the right length to go easily over your head and knot securely.



Woolly Mammoth



How to make a woolly mammoth

A long time ago, in a time known as the Palaeolithic period in the Stone Age there lived a species of animal called the **mammoth**. Unfortunately, the **mammoth** became extinct, but we know about it because of fossils that had been frozen in ice. Now you can bring the **mammoth** back to life by following these instructions:



You will need:

- Plastic milk bottle
- Scissors
- PVA glue
- Brown tissue paper, card or wool
- White card
- Googly eyes



What to do:

1. First, cut off the top half of the milk bottle just below the handle.
2. Then, recycle the bottom half.
3. Cut an arch into each side of the remaining milk carton to form the shapes of the legs.
4. Safely, use some scissors to cut some strips of brown tissue paper or wool about 10cm long.



Bring your finished piece of Art into school on Wednesday 8th November for a 'Show and Tell' session on our Stone Age Day.

We hope you enjoy crafting your Stone Age artwork and we look forward to seeing what you have made.

Miss Brown, Miss Eddy, Miss Roberts