

Life in Prehistoric Britain

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Key Stage: 2

National Curriculum
Subject Area/s:
History, Art and Design, potential
for cross-curricular work

Length of session:
1 hour and 30 minutes (KS2)

Max group size: 32 pupils

Session outline

This session explores the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age. In this interactive session children will:

- Discover how we can learn about people from this remote time before written history.
- Learn more about where archaeologists find evidence about the past.

Activity 1: Evidence from objects

- Pupils will handle materials and artefacts used by Stone Age and Bronze Age people. They will work as detectives to decide what the materials and objects might be and how they could be used.
- They will work in teams to solve a set of prehistoric challenges.

Activity 2: Gallery Hunt

- They will search the gallery for original artefacts to develop a better understanding of life in ancient times.
- They will design a torc inspired by jewellery in the European Prehistory Gallery.

Activity 3: Prehistoric Party

- They will imagine what might happen at a Prehistoric celebration.

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Pre visit activities

- Think about how we can find out more about people in Britain before written records.
- Find out if there are any prehistoric sites near to your school. Visit if possible.

Post visit activities

- Have a go at a range of prehistoric crafts:
Make beaker style pots.
Make simple looms and try out weaving.
Make simple baskets or mats.
- Recreate a Bronze Age community feast.
- Create stories about prehistoric life. Hold a group oral storytelling session. You could use pictures to help you remember your stories.
- Research prehistoric art and create your own.

Resources

The following resources are available to download on our website:

www.ashmolean.org/learning-resources

- Images of some of the objects used in the session.
- Films demonstrating Stone Age arts, crafts and technology.
- Activity ideas for teachers to download.