

Information for Teachers

Stone Age Survival

KS2 session at Flag Fen

Set amidst the inspiring surroundings of Flag Fen Archaeology Park, our Stone Age Survival day is an exciting synergy of history and outdoor learning. Designed by both Forest School leaders and heritage professionals, the day provides the chance to access a hands on, experimental approach to exploring our rich prehistoric past. The day's activities develop practical skills and confidence as well as knowledge and understanding of how our prehistoric ancestors lived.



Activities include:

Prehistoric Handling – Stone Age artefacts:

Pupils will examine the various sources of evidence for life in Stone Age Britain. During the enquiry-based activity they will discover what these objects tell us about the past: specifically prehistoric people and its landscapes. Experiencing this activity is a great way of getting up close to artefacts and to learn more about what everyday life was like in the past.

Explore what our prehistoric ancestors needed to survive:

Rotation of the following activities in 2 groups:

1. **Wattle and Daub**- get stuck in and have a go at this traditional building method.
2. **Prehistoric art**- explore prehistoric creativity and communication methods by making your own piece of rock art using the natural paints you create. **Berries, such as raspberries, may be used in this activity. Please notify us of any allergies on your booking form.**

*The wattle and daub/rock art activities take place in the forest school area for approximately 30-40 minutes. We strongly recommend pupils come prepared for the weather.





Stone Age Craft – be experimental archaeologists

Pupils will make their own pot inspired by prehistoric originals. They will use the types of tools and materials available in prehistory to decorate their pots. Alternatively, they can make a Bronze Age pot or Iron Age beads- please request these changes at the time of booking.

Hunters and Gatherers: Explore the prehistoric landscape and discover how our prehistoric forebears adjusted to a changing landscape. Carry on your survival skills with stalking prey. If successful, discover how different parts of an animal were used for different purposes, not just for food.

Stone Age Homes:

Gather around the fire in our roundhouse to share your experiences and contemplate how you would have survived in the Stone Age. Spend time in our reconstructed Bronze Age roundhouse and compare what archaeologists know about Stone Age houses with our reconstructed Bronze Age roundhouse and begin to discuss how the way people lived changed through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. (Fire in the roundhouse is optional- please indicate your preference on the booking form).

National curriculum links: History, English, Art and Design, Science, P.E, Citizenship/PSHE.

Learning objectives:

By participating in this ‘Stone Age Survival’ day, pupils will:

- Explore and experience how people lived and survived in prehistory, including traditional skills, materials and processes.
- Deduct and make statements and inferences from evidence.
- Understand methods of historical enquiry including experimental archaeology
- Develop an understanding of the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.
- Develop outdoor, team working and problem solving skills
- Experience nature and how to interact with the outdoor environment

Other information:

Duration:	Full day: 10 am–2pm
Cost:	Full day £315 + VAT per group of up to 30 pupils. Cost includes admission charge, all activities, supporting adults and a pre-visit. Minimum charge for school groups of 20 or less students: £283.50 + VAT
Maximum group size:	Maximum number per group is 30. We can accommodate up to 2 classes in one day. Please contact us if you wish to bring 3 classes.
Recommended ratio:	Minimum 1 adult to 8 students.
What to bring:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A box or some classroom trays to transport the clay craft back to school. • Suitable outdoor clothing for predicted weather, including enough layers and a spare pair of shoes/wellington boots if visiting during the Autumn/Winter.
Booking information:	To book, please contact us by phone or email. When the activities and date are agreed, a booking form and risk assessment is emailed to you. To confirm the visit we ask that you complete the booking form and email it back to us. A pre-visit teachers’ pack will be sent to you which gives more information on the activities and background information about Flag Fen. An invoice is sent to the school during the month the visit is due to take place.
Information for coach driver/s	Coach drivers are welcome to use the toilet facilities in the Visitor Centre. Please note, the café in the Visitor Centre is open <i>Thursday to Monday</i> between March and October or <i>Friday to Sunday</i> between November and February.

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	Coach parking is available for up to three coaches per day. Parking is free of charge.
A note about behaviour:	Members of the school staff have overall responsibility for the behaviour of their pupils and we expect you to support Flag Fen staff with this where necessary. Clear expectations of behaviour are stated as part of the H&S. Adult participation with the group activities is necessary and information about these activities is emailed to you before the visit.
Pre-visits:	We welcome and encourage pre-visits as it will give you an opportunity to meet a member of the Flag Fen Education Team, familiarise yourself with the site, go through the risk assessment, format of the day and activities and discuss any further needs. Please note that we accept that there may be a need to bring along dependent children. If this is the case, please advise us in advance. Additional adults and children and additional time on site will be chargeable at the normal visitor rate on the day of the pre-visit.
Queries?	Contact us at: flagfenlearning@peterboroughlimited.co.uk or telephone: 01733 317 988