

# Workshop Outline: Stone Age Life (Home Ed)

## Key Stage: KS2

Please register your arrival at our first-floor reception desk, then make your way up to the Education Hub on the second floor, where you will find a cloakroom area and toilets. Once everyone has gathered there will be a brief introduction that includes meeting the staff and volunteers, housekeeping (toilets, H&S, fire alarm and lunch break) and an outline of the workshop with approximate timings.

The workshop consists of an introductory activity of about 45 minutes for the whole group, followed by a series of shorter activities (approx. 25 – 30 minutes) done in rotation. For these we will divide the group into smaller groups. All the activities will be led by museum staff and volunteers.

### Approximate Timings & Outline:

- 10.00 – 10.15: Arrival/Registration/Coats
- 10.15 – 10.25: Introduction
- 10.25 – 11.10: Activity 1 – Introduction
- 11.10 – 11.15: Split into groups
- 11.15 – 11.45: Rotation 1 (Acts 2 – 4)
- 11.45 – 12.15: Rotation 2 (Acts 2 – 4)
- 12.15 – 13.00: Lunch
- 13.00 – 13.30: Rotation 3 (Acts 2 – 4)
- 13.30 – 13.45: Q&A
- 13.45 – 14.00: Finish

### Workshop Introduction

In this workshop we are going to go back into pre-history to look at the Stone Age. We'll examine different aspects of Stone Age culture including technology, art and everyday life through objects, images, textiles and role-playing. During the workshop we will look at the famous Lascaux cave paintings and have a go at recreating them using stick brushes and clay-based paints, learn about everyday life through a range of replica objects and carry out our own "archaeological dig" as we investigate how archaeologists have uncovered pre-historic life. The workshop begins with an introductory activity that traces human development from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age, to the Iron Age.

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### **Activity 1: Introduction to 50,000 Years of History! (The Palaeolithic – Iron Age) (Whole Group)** **(2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Ed Hub)**

We start the workshop with a general overview of early cultures from the Palaeolithic through to the Iron Age. We'll find out how each successive period came about through of advances in technology and how this enabled societies, and eventually towns and cities, to develop. We'll be using images, objects and some roleplaying to bring pre-history to life.

### **Activity 2: Stone Age Art (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Ed. Room 1)**

In this activity we'll learn about palaeolithic art through the cave paintings at Lascaux. We'll look at the tools they used and how they made paint, and the children will be able to create their own "Stone Age-style" artworks.

### **Activity 3: Stone Age Technology (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Loom Displays)**

This activity looks at the technology available to Stone Age peoples and how they used animals, vegetables and minerals to create everyday objects and clothing. There are lots of replicas to examine including flint and stone tools, wooden objects and various textiles.

### **Activity 4: Archaeology (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Temporary Exhibition)**

Many of the most famous Stone Age sites in Britain – Stonehenge, Skara Brae and Avebury – have been investigated by archaeologists over the years, which has revealed lots about prehistoric life. In this activity we'll look at what archaeology is and how digs are carried out, and the children will be able to have a go at excavating and recording finds in our replica dig.

*We hope you enjoy your visit.*

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