

STEPPING STONES

A MAGAZINE FOR CURIOUS KIDS



MY EPIC ERA SONG

Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic... clap clap....
We love fishing, we love hunting, we love gathering...clap clap....
Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Neanderthal and Homo sapiens...clap
clap...
Stone tools, rock art, pottery, carvings...clap clap...
HOORAY for the Stone Age Yay Yay!!!!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: TRUE OR FALSE

1. ICE AGE

The last ice age was at its coldest 18 000 years ago?

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2. WOOLLY MAMMOTH

The woolly mammoth became extinct 10 000 years ago.

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3. STONEHENGE

Stonehenge was built in 4430 BC.

F (dates back to 4500 - 5000 years ago)

4. THE WHEEL

The wheel was invented around 3500 BC in the Middle East by clay potters?

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DID YOU KNOW?

The first stone tools were used by early humans as far back as 3.4 million years ago.

DID YOU KNOW?



2 million years ago, early man started migrating from Africa.

DID YOU KNOW?



The earliest use of fire was 1.5 million years ago.

DID YOU KNOW?

Britain was connected to Europe by a land bridge. It became disconnected 10000 years ago when the ice caps melted.

INTERVIEW WITH A STONE AGE BOY..

Our Year 2 history reporter, Luca Marotta, stepped into our special time capsule and travelled back to the Neolithic period to interview six year old Rocco Stone.

What do you do when your father goes hunting? I go gathering food with my mum.

We like to collect berries, nuts and fruit, but we have also learned how to grow our own food, especially wheat. Now that we keep some animals like pigs, cows and sheep, my father goes hunting a lot less. I don't go to school like you and we still haven't learned how to write.

What does your father hunt? My father and other men hunt together using spears. They hunt wild animals, big and small, and fish.

How do you make tools? There are special toolmakers who make tools out of flint stones, wood, animal bones, antlers and strips of hide.

How do you make your clothes? We scrape animal skins clean and brush them until they are soft. Then we use stones to cut them



into shapes and we stitch them together with needles made from bones.

How did you make your house? My ancestors used to live in caves and huts made of branches, dry reeds, tusks and animal skins. Now that we can grow our food and keep animals, we have started living in long houses made of stone and wood, in small villages.

Do you have a pet? Yes, my dog is my best friend. Wild dogs were tamed from wolves and now they are our pets and helpers.

“my dog is my best friend.”

ROCK ART CORNER

You will need:

1. yellow, red, black and brown paints (or make your own paints with charcoal, crushed stones, red and yellow ochre and animal fat)
2. make your own brush: attach bird feathers to a stick with some string
3. a shoe box to make a cave or scrunched up brown paper for the cave walls
4. paint or draw hunting scenes, animals, people and handprints.



PUZZLE PAGE



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STONE AGE WORD SEARCH

- Stonehenge
- rock art
- Neanderthal
- pottery
- hunter
- gatherer
- antler
- wheel
- mammoth
- Ice Age
- Neolithic
- cave painting
- tool
- flintstone
- farmer
- fire

MATCH THE PICTURE TO ITS WORD

land bridge

henge

barrow

antler

woolly mammoth

rock art

