

Stone Age Harrow

Session takes approx. 75 mins

Aim: To discover more about the late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers who lived around Headstone thousands of years ago.

Session breakdown

During the object handling parts of this session, the class is divided into two groups to facilitate closer access to the artefacts for the children. Both groups do each activity.

Whole Class: Using the areas of ancient woodland in Headstone Manor park we explore what it would have been like to be a hunter gather in an area like Harrow. We examine the areas of natural water and think about why people might have settled here. Please make sure the children are wearing suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.

Archaeology Activity (half the class): Children take it in turns to 'dig up' our stone age artefacts (and replicas). What we will discover will help us work out why it is called the Stone Age and what part natural resources played in the lives of these early humans.

Creative Activity: The children will explore stone age pottery (a fragment of which was found under our Small Barn), and how it relates to farming. They will then make their own decorated pottery fragment to take home.

Curriculum Links:

- History: changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Historical questioning skills.