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Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop

Our Year 3 children recently had an exciting opportunity to take part in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop led by a visiting archaeologist. This immersive, hands-on experience allowed the children to step back in time and explore how people lived, worked, and created during these fascinating periods of history.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of engaging activities. They worked together to reconstruct broken pottery, just as archaeologists do when they uncover ancient artefacts. They also had the chance to create their own pottery, learning about the techniques used by early civilizations. One of the highlights of the workshop was the excavation activity, where children carefully unearthed Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age items, discussing their origins and uses.

Another exciting hands-on task was making Stone Age jewellery, where children crafted their own pieces inspired by ancient designs. They also collaborated to create their very own museum exhibition, showcasing the artefacts they had worked with and explaining their significance. This gave them a deeper understanding of how objects tell stories about the past.

The workshop helped children develop a range of skills beyond historical knowledge. They demonstrated challenging tasks such as piecing together pottery and interpreting historical artefacts. They showed respect, not only towards the visiting archaeologist but also in the careful handling of ancient-style objects. Teamwork was essential, as they worked in groups to solve problems and complete tasks.

In addition to these, the children developed communication skills, as they discussed their findings and presented their museum exhibition. They enhanced their problem-solving abilities, thinking critically about how objects fit together and what they could teach us about the past. Their fine motor skills were put to the test in delicate tasks such as jewellery-making and pottery crafting. Finally, they practiced patience and perseverance, especially when working on detailed reconstructions and careful excavations.

This workshop was a fantastic way to bring history to life, giving our Year 3s a memorable and enriching experience that deepened their understanding of the past in a fun and interactive way.

Isaac from 3D said: "The part where we had to dig in the sand to find the objects was so much fun!"



