



Primary Forest School

Online Learning – KS2 History Activities

Activity	Resources Required	Potential Risks	Impact
Neolithic Era – Make an axe from flint or stone	Stick Twine/Ribbon Flint or stone	USE EXTREME CAUTION – eye goggles, dust mask and gloves must be worn Shards of stone/flint will fly off Sharp edges Contact with fingers	Children will understand the difficulty of creating what appears to be a simple tool and the effort required to complete this task
Victorians – Make a catapult	Y-shaped stick Elastic bands or inner tube Paper	ENSURE CHILDREN ARE NOT USING THIS TOWARDS PEOPLE OR ANIMALS Friction burns Firing in the wrong direction	Children create a fun toy that will help with their understanding of physics
Romans – Create a mosaic	Leaves of different colours and shapes	Germs on the leaves	Children develop their creativity while understanding about Roman art
Anglo-Saxons – Build a mini mud hut	Sticks (preferably bendy like willow) Mud	Germs in mud Safety with sticks	Children understand the difficulty of making homes before automation

The important bit for parents and teachers... but you can have a sneak peek at the activities too!

Neolithic Era – Make an axe from flint or stone

Knocking small bits of flint off a larger piece is called 'knapping'.

Any stone can be knapped but flint is perfect as small shards come off at a time

Use a strong stone (a hammer stone) to knap the flint by hitting near the edge



Please don't do it on your leg
This man is a professional!



Tie your axe head to a strong stick using strong ribbon, twine, string or rope

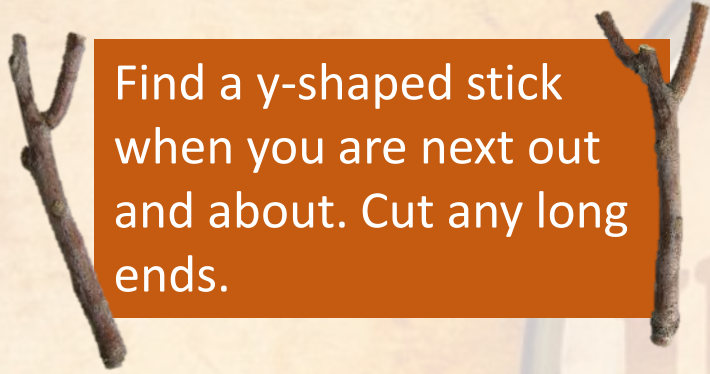
Do you think Neolithic Man had it easy making their own tools?

You could use natural twine from hibiscus!

This axe is not suitable for use and should be a display item only. Please do not try to chop anything with it!

Victorians – Make a catapult

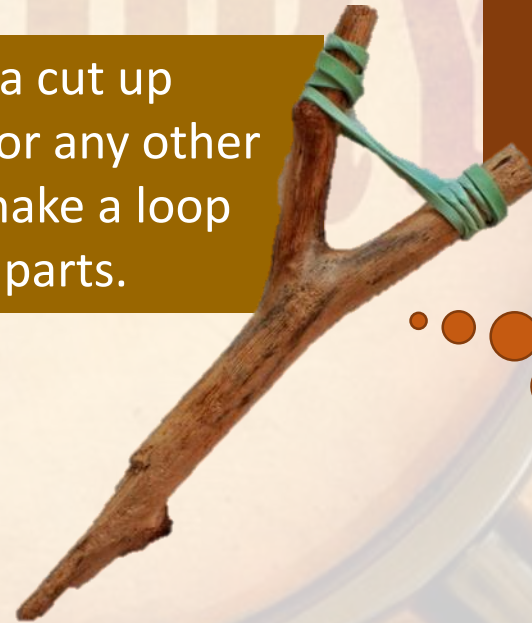
Victorian children had toys made by hand. One such toy was a wooden catapult.



Find a y-shaped stick when you are next out and about. Cut any long ends.

Using elastic bands or a cut up section of inner tube (or any other elasticated material, make a loop over each of the top 2 parts.

Fold a piece of paper length ways and one final width way fold. Place the fold on the elastic, pull back and fire!



**DO NOT FIRE A
CATAPULT AT
ANY PEOPLE OR
ANIMALS**

The postman may be happy to bring you some elastic bands

Romans – Create a mosaic

Mosaics were patterns and pictures, made using small pieces of stone, tile and pottery.



Can you collect lots of different leaves and make your own mosaic?



The pieces making up a mosaic were called tesserae

Anglo-Saxons – Build a mini mud hut

Find some sturdy short sticks and place them in the ground in a circle

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Using willow, or some other young, bendy twigs, start weaving in and out of the upright sticks, around the circle.

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Pat wet mud all over the outside of the willow until it is completely covered

This activity can also be completed with lolly sticks and raffia



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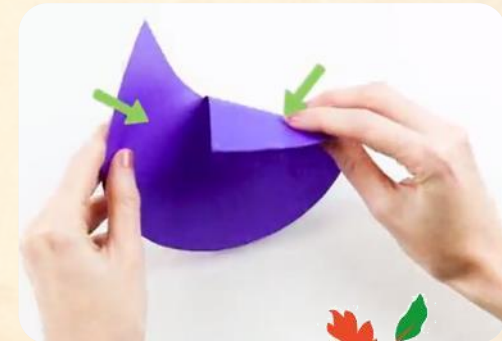
Continue all the way to the top of the sticks. Make sure your weaving is tightly packed

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The roof can be made with a circle of cardboard

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Lay dry grass or raffia on the roof to finish your hut!



How did you get on?

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activity from
this pack?

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