



Year Group: Year 3-6

Length: 25 mins

Starting Positions: Lie down in your own space on the floor

Learning Intentions:

To know about...

- Life in Stone Age Britain: homes, hunting, flint mining, making fires
- Tools & weapons for hunting
- Progression from Mesolithic to Neolithic period

Synopsis:

- At home your sister wakes you up to get on with your daily chores.
- She and your dad are preparing to go hunting after days with no food.
- Dad tells you to stay home and do a cave painting for good luck on the hunt.
- You demand to join the hunt group. Dad gives in but says your dog, Spark, must stay at home.
- The hunt is a disaster and Spark retreats with a wolf pack.
- You & your sister get separated from Dad and then lose your way trying to find the meeting place.
- You sneak into new timber houses & get caught by the owner. Spark rescues you.
- The house owner captures you again as you wander into his flint mine.
- Separated from your sister & Spark, you're forced to work in the mine as punishment.
- You manage to win the owner's forgiveness. In return he helps you find and rescue your Dad.
- The winter solstice feast is already underway as you all arrive at Stonehenge for a feast.

Characters:

- **Dad (Thorsten)**
- **Sister (Etta)**
- **Neighbour**
- **Karo** – owner of timber house and flint mine
- **Kit** – Karo's son
- **Spark the dog**

Locations:

- **At home**
- **Forest**
- **Timber Houses**
- **Flint mine**
- **Stonehenge**

Glossary

- **Kindling** – dry sticks of wood used to start a fire.
- **Winter solstice** – the shortest day and longest night of the year on December 21
- **Flint** - a smooth rock found as lumps in chalk. It breaks and can be shaped into tools easily.
- **Mesolithic** – the middle period of the Stone Age when people were hunter-gatherers.
- **Neolithic** – the final period of the Stone Age when people settled in permanent villages.

Discussion

Story & Factual

- How did Stone Age people decorate their homes?
- How comfortable was their everyday life?
- What would it be like to spend all day at a Stone Age home?
- Why did people hunt? What things did they use the animal for?
- Neolithic people built larger, permanent wooden houses. Why were they better than the previous Mesolithic houses?
- Why was flint so important? What different things was it used for?

PSHE & Philosophical

- Should we still be allowed to hunt?
- Which people in the world still rely on hunting today? Is this acceptable?
- Stonehenge was built about 5000 years ago but there's no evidence why. What do you imagine Stonehenge was used for?
- How do you think Stone Age people got the stones there? (we don't know the answer!)
- How would you feel working all day flint mining in the tunnels?

Resources:

You'll find these follow up resources on your shared drive:

- **Literacy Resources** – Reading Comprehension/Text Analysis, 3x SPAG exercises, Poem/Short writing exercise, Formal Prose, Creative Writing, Spelling Test
- **Photo Storyboard** – order the images from the story (or use them for other things – e.g. writing)
- **Quick Quiz** – re-cap key facts
- **Or try some recount, report or creative writing ideas of your own!**