

ESME AND THE SABRE- TOOTHED CUB



Year 3 / Year 4 - Life in the Stone Age

Objectives

History

- To learn about what Palaeolithic and Mesolithic life was like.
- To understand how our knowledge of the prehistoric past is constructed from a range of sources.
- To ask historical questions about similarities and differences.
- To construct informed responses that involve thoughtful selection of relevant historical information.

Whole Class

- Start by reading *Esme and the Sabre-Toothed Cub*. Read the book again, this time focusing on what life was like in prehistoric times.
- Look at the pages 1-5.
- **Ask:** What was life like for Esme and her family? What clothes did they wear? How did they cook their food? What pets did they have? What weapons did they have?
- Children to respond orally and teacher to collect children's responses.
- Answers could focus on Esme wearing animal fur, cooking food on an open fire, hanging clothes to dry, having mammoth as pet, eating fish etc.

Independent or Group Work

- Give each children a copy of **Worksheet Two**.
- Explain that we will be comparing what life was like for Esme in the Stone Age and what life is like for us now.
- Read "Once upon a very, very long time ago, when there was nothing on TV..."
- **Ask:** Why do you think there was nothing on TV? Do you think they had technology that we use in the stone age?
- Children to write or draw what life was like in the Stone Age.
- Discuss what life is like for us. **Ask:** "Where do we get our food from? Where do we get our clothes from? How do we cook our food? Do we have pets?"
- Children to write or draw what life is like today.
- **Ask:** "What is the same about Esme's life and your life? What is different?"
- Children to complete **Worksheet Two**.

Plenary

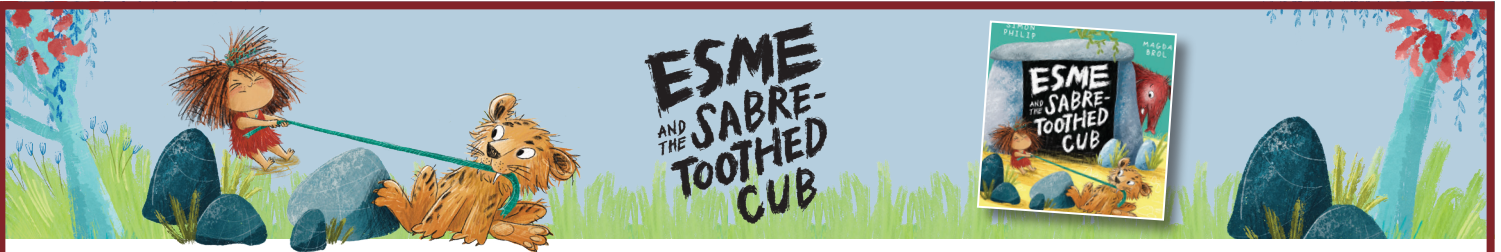
- Children to share what their favourite thing about Stone Age life is.
- **Ask:** "Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age or present day?"

Resources:

- *Esme and the Sabre-Toothed Cub* - Picture Book
- Worksheet Two

Key Vocabulary:

- Prehistoric
- Neolithic
- Mammoth
- Cave



Worksheet Two

Compare life in the Stone Age with life today.

<p>What was life like in the Stone Age?</p>	<p>What is life like today?</p>
<p>What are the similarities?</p>	<p>What are the differences?</p>