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Monday 9th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Portals to the Past: Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop

On Monday 20th November 2023, we will be taking part in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop as part of our history unit. This will be an all-day workshop which will take place in the school hall.

Children are encouraged to dress up for this session. Dress up and costume ideas have been provided by the company giving the workshop and can be found overleaf.

In order to provide this opportunity, we are asking for a donation of £5.50 to cover the cost of the workshop. If we do not receive sufficient contributions, the workshop may have to be cancelled. This contribution can be made via Parent Pay.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, you are entitled to the workshop being funded by school.

Kind regards,

Fiona Walker, Natalie Gomez and Nichola Leaver.
Year 3 Teachers.



In Britain, the earliest humans wore animal skins and fur to keep warm. They did not sew the skins together. Using an awl made of animal bone to pierce the skins they made holes. String made from nettles or tree bark, like the birch, and threaded through the holes to join the skins or fur together .



This is Otzi. He was alive in the last Ice Age. He died and was frozen, where he remained until archaeologists found him a few years ago.

He is wearing animal skin trousers, coat and shoes, and a woven grass cape. This kept him dry, as the rain just runs off.

Weaving cloth started in the early Neolithic, when people started farming and having a settled way of life. There is no evidence of the style of clothes they wore in Britain.

This is an example of Bronze age women's fashion from Scandinavia



On Dartmoor, archaeologists recently found the grave of a Bronze Age woman. These are the artefacts found in her grave. The beads are made from amber and shale and she was wearing ear plugs. Nothing is new!





This is the style of men's dress in the Bronze Age Men.

The weather was warmer at the beginning of the Bronze Age, so less clothes were needed.

DRESSING AS CELTS

Have you got a **Boudicca** in your school?
What was the name of the tribe in your area? Do some research!

Dressing as a Celt is easy.

Wear lots of clashing checked clothes.

Spike up your hair. Paint spiral designs on your face and arms with blue face paint.

Girls and boys can be warriors.



If you want to be a high status or rich Celt, make a gold TORC to wear around your neck.

Rich Britons wore chain mail. This you can make from onion bags sprayed silver. These you can get from local supermarkets or greengrocers.

Make a shield from a large piece of strong cardboard and paint with spiral designs or copy the designs here. Put a strip of strong card across the back of your shield to use as a handle.

The shield should cover from you chest to your knees. Most Celts fought with spears.

Only very rich Celts had swords.

(Maximum sword length is 50cms.)

Only use cardboard to make any weapons.



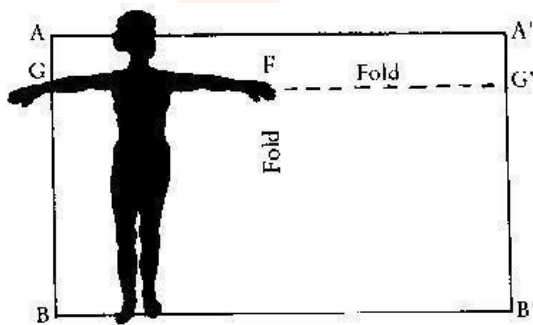
IRON AGE WOMENS'S DRESS

The style of overdress is called a peplos. Please see the instructions to make below. It is fastened at the shoulder with brooches.

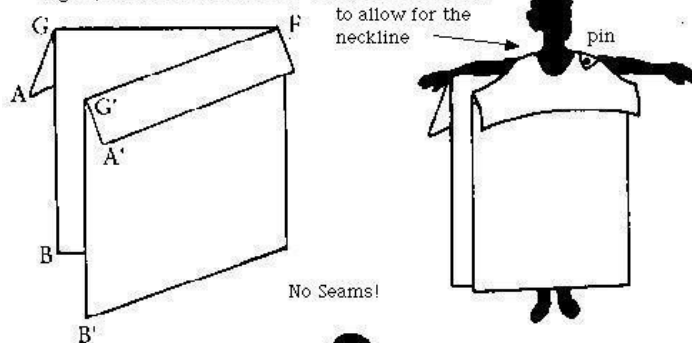
Women would have worn a long plain underdress as well.

A cloak made from wool or animal fur would have been worn in the winter.

Shoes would have been made from leather.



Again, make the front a little wider than the back



No Seams!

PEPLOS

Alternative
to Tunic

STOLA (rectangular wrap overdress, worn over tunic) would be made and worn similar to peplos, but without the fold-down.



Pattern for peplos with overfold to waist, made from a queen-size sheet, belted at the waist under the overfold panels with kolpos (pouch of material bunched over belt) showing.

