

## Dean Heritage Centre Trip – Newsletter

Recently, Classes 3 & 5 enjoyed a trip to the Dean Heritage Centre to find out more about the Stone and Iron Ages! Class 5 began with the Pre-historic Archaeology activity where they created a timeline and were fascinated by the artefacts which were available to handle. Then they took part in the Iron Age Experience. It was certainly an experience they won't be forgetting in a hurry! First they made daub (from mud and water), then they threw it onto the wattle walls to learn how simple buildings would have been made during the Iron Age. As well as this, they enjoyed making flour by crushing/grinding grains. Furthermore, a favourite activity was applying the war paint and charging into battle ... attacking the teachers! After lunch, children made Celtic brooches and then took part in survival activities, which included den building and fire making!



### Class 3 –

Class 3 began with a gigantic Stone Age cave painting. The children drew pictures of antelopes, cave men, foot prints and mammoths. They used charcoal from burning wood to draw and mud to paint. They then went hunting and gathering in the woods with a hunter, gatherer called Alex. We found out that you can drink from a birch tree, make a patty with acorns and that hazelnuts came from hazel trees. We also tried to track down some boar by looking at turned up mud,

footprints and poo! Later in the day the children did a timeline activity. They looked at time from the Stone Age to now. This was a very tricky task!

Kai – My favourite bit of the trip was walking through the woods because we learnt about all of the trees. I liked the ash tree because you can make spears out of them!

