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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Portals to the Past – Stone Age to Iron Age Experience

During the second half of the Autumn term, Year 3 will be studying the Stone Age and Iron Age as part of our history curriculum. On **Tuesday 9th December 2025**, we will be visited by a historical workshop group called 'Portals to the Past' who will be running a selection of workshops to give the children an insight into Stone Age and Iron Age life.

The day will begin with a short talk. For the rest of the day, the children will take part in different workshops about these different historical periods. Lunch time will be at the usual time and children can have either a packed lunch or a school dinner as normal.

We would like to invite the children to dress up as a person from either of these time periods for the day. Some details about costume ideas can be found on the next page. Costumes can be as simple or as complex as you would like but please do not feel you have to spend lots of money on an outfit for one day. It is important that the children's costumes will allow them to be warm enough during the day as they will still be going outside for play at break and lunchtime. Please note that dressing up is an option for the day and is not compulsory for taking part in the activities.

We are not requesting a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the visit as we have kindly received funding from the FOHWJS to cover the cost of this visit. This visit provides excellent value – we have used 'Portals to the Past' many times before and the learning opportunities the children experience during the day are invaluable.

We are looking forward to the event and know that the children will enjoy themselves while learning through hands on experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Chappell

Year 3 Team Leader



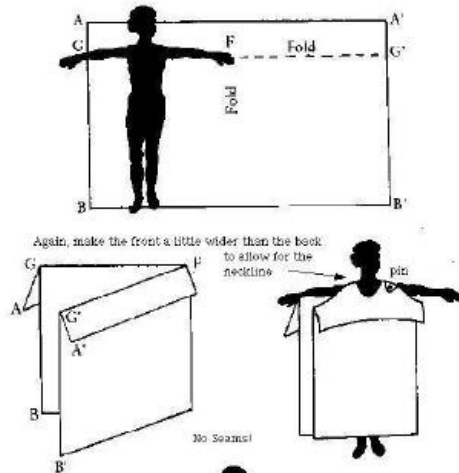
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This is Otzi. He was alive in the last Ice Age. He died and was frozen, where he remained until archaeologists found him a few years ago.

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



PEPLOS

Alternative to Tunic

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



fold can be made longer, to hip, with belt tied over or underneath it.
 belt can also be worn higher, under the breast.



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.

IRON AGE WOMEN'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.

