Stone Age Cave Paintings

In the Neolithic age early man decorated walls of protected caves with paint made from dirt or charcoal mixed with spit or animal fat and blood. They painted images relating to hunting, using their fingers, twigs and other found natural objects. The oldest cave painting is over 40,000 years old and can be seen in Asia and Europe.

What animals did they paint?

Why do you think they did this?

How did they see what they were doing in the caves?

**Challenge:**

Create your own cave painting

Find different sized sticks to make your mark or use your fingers and hands to make prints

Collect a natural material like soil or sand

**Materials needed:**

mud, water, sticks, stone, paper or an old bit of fabric

Don’t forget to show us your cave paintings! Take a photo of your artwork and share it on social media. Tag @comptonverney on Facebook, @ComptonVerney on Twitter or @compton_verney on Instagram, or use #DigitalComptonVerney.

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