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The drawing is based on finds from quarry sites near Kemerton.

Imagine you have just arrived in Worcestershire from a much warmer part of the world - what would you need to survive? Would you cope without some of the things we have in the modern world?

What time of year is it?

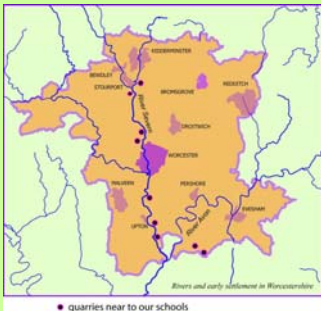
Mammoths are vegetarian.
What foods are they likely to have eaten?



This is a scene from about 40,000 years ago when much of what we call Britain today was covered in thick ice. Low lying river valleys like the Severn and the Avon were followed by animals and humans, so wild plants could be eaten and predators and scavengers could hunt, or eat the remains of a kill.

What type of diet would they have had and how would they find shelter?

*Divide the class into groups - stand in the position of a character.
What do you think is happening?*



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Broadway location.

This is another hunting group, who lived in the period just after the last Ice Age.

Look at the types of clothing. Which animals and plants might be used to provide clothes?

Become a character in the picture. Would men and women and boys and girls have different jobs?

Are there any chores both would be expected to do?

Where are they finding the materials needed to make tools and storage containers?

How are they able to make fire?

What type of settlement is the group living in?

The picture is taken from a site near Broadway where young archaeologists found *flint microliths* used about 8,000 years ago.



What animals could be killed for food, by using these weapons?



Why would people have first needed dogs?

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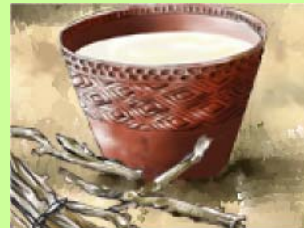


At Clifton quarry, a few miles south of Worcester, there is an old course of the River Sever with evidence of human settlement from about 5,000 Years ago, through to the Roman period.



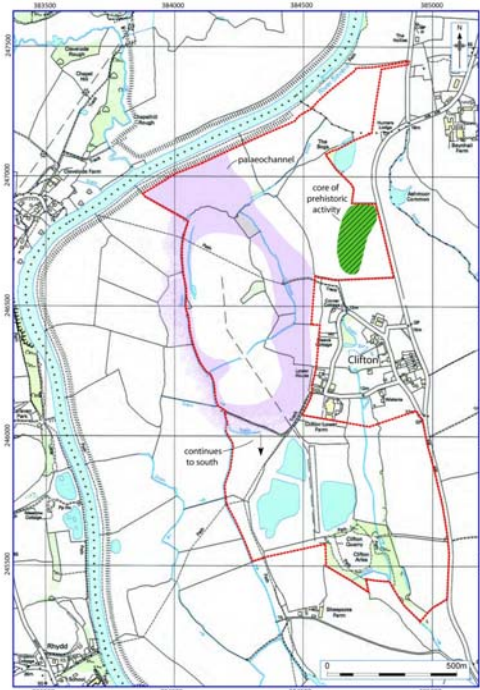
Why are there pigs but not cows in this picture?

What do the pigs and milk say about some of the changing methods of getting food?



The people in the drawing are clearing a wooded area, close to an old river bed. Go to the next page and look at the map and photograph.

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Location of core of prehistoric activity and possible Palaeochannel

Figure 4



The dark *linear* stretch in the centre of the photograph is an old channel of the River Sever. Flint tools, pottery, wooden structures, and a large mound of burnt flint and pebbles were found, near to a line of square shaped pits in the ground, following the river.

What do you think the people living here were using the pits and stones for? Remember they didn't have our modern means of keeping clean.



Tools and pottery were made from natural flint and clays. How does the material needed for our daily lives get to us and what do we do to make them into something useful?

What do you think these tools were used for? The people in the previous picture are using them.

