SECRET CODE

Getting Started...

Having codes is a fun way of talking about things without others knowing what is being said. Normally codes are associated with times of war but codes have been around for centuries and have been used for a whole host of reasons.

In the "Land of the Celts" the secret code is the Ogham writing. Ogham writing is basically different strokes on a rock to stand for different letters. With any good code there has to be a key to how to use it. It's also very easy to come up with a code

Plan
- Ask the six to look at where they could use a secret code. They will come back with a few suggestions.
- The suggestions could include using a secret coded language on a camp or an event so that they could communicate with each other.
- It may even be in a sports game.

Do
- Play another six in a sports game. The six should use a secret code to say what they are going to do and what they may want each other to do in the game.
- They will need to sit down beforehand to discuss what codes they are going to use and make sure everyone knows the different codes.
- This is a regular part of any team game and is part of a strategy. It is also a good way to show how to communciate.

Review
- Use the code to discuss how they got on.
- It can be a simple code of using codes that show if the Cub Scouts thought of it as a positive experience or a negative experience.

Resources:
- List of code words and key to it
- A game to use the code and the equipment to run it

Top tips:
- Run a code breaking challenge between the sixes to see if they can figure out the code

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