

St Martin's School – Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

The Stone Age

Year 3

Autumn 1

What? (Key vocab)

The Stone Age:

Lasted a very long time. It began about 2.7 million years ago when the first humans started to make tools out of stone. The first people came to Britain in around 900,000 BC and marked the start of **Palaeolithic** Britain.



Stone Henge

Stone Age

- The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This is also known as pre-history.
- At the end of the Ice Age, the sea levels rose and so Britain turned into an island.
- The Stone Age had three periods - Palaeolithic ('old' Stone Age), Mesolithic ('middle' Stone Age) and Neolithic ('new' Stone Age).
- Palaeolithic Stone Age lasted until the end of the Ice Age. Early humans used stones as tools. This lasted till about 10, 500 BC
- Mesolithic Stone Age was from about 10, 500 BC to 4, 000 BC. Humans would demonstrate a variety of ways to gather food including hunting and fishing.
- Neolithic Stone Age was from 4, 000 BC to about 2, 500 BC. This marked the start of farming including land clearance and the keeping of animals.

What I need to know at the end of this unit

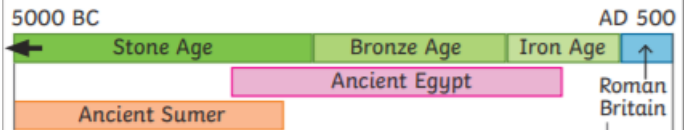
- I can use evidence to investigate what life was like for the Stone Age man.
- I can explore the changes that took place during the Stone Age and describe their significance.
- I can use evidence from Skara Brae to find out what life was like towards the end of the Stone Age.
- I can explain how Stone Henge was built.
- I can discuss reasons why Stone Henge was built.

Read more: Horrible Histories: The Savage Stone Age
Ug: Boy genius of the stone age

Research: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>

Timeline

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Hunter-Gatherers

Weapons such as stone axes, spears, bows and arrows were all used to hunt for food.

Horse, deer, hares, seabirds, fish were all eaten. Every part of the animal was used including **bone marrow** and the skin for clothing.

Seeds, berries, nuts, eggs and insects were also gathered.

Key Knowledge

Palaeolithic

The first era of the **Stone Age** – or 'The Old Stone Age'

Mesolithic

The second era of the **Stone Age** – or 'The Middle Stone Age'.

Neolithic

The third and final era of the **Stone Age** – or 'The New Stone Age'.

BC

BC stands for 'Before Christ' and means the number of years **before** the year **0** – when Christians believe Jesus was born.

AD

AD stand for 'Ano Domini' – which means 'in the time of our Lord'. AD is used for all years after the year **0**.

Prehistoric

Before people could read or write. We only know what happened thanks to artefacts left behind.

Artefact

An object made by a human being.

Archaeologist

Person who learns about the past by digging up **artefacts** and studying them.

Settlement

A place where a group of people live together in many buildings.

Hunter gatherer

People who found their food by hunting animals or gathering nuts and berries.

Flint

A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting

Tribes

A group of people that live together for protection