

Our History • Stone Age to Iron Age

Key Learning Question: How did people's lives change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?



Crucial Knowledge

We are getting better at investigating the past:

- Stone, bronze and iron ages are part of pre historic Britain. Before history was written down in word.
- Prehistoric eras are named after the materials discovered at the time.
- Houses, weapons, clothing and society changed and advanced a lot through this period of time.
- During the early Stone Age people were hunters gatherers.
- There were different animals living in Britain from today, such as woolly mammoths, saber-toothed tigers, mastodons and woolly rhinos.
- During the middle Stone Age people moved from living in caves and simple huts to roundhouses.
- Stonehenge was built in the new Stone Age, people probably gathered there for religious ceremonies.
- During the Iron Age tribes began to live together in hill settlements.

We are getting better at interpreting the past:

- Big Ideas:** Chronology • Civilization • Legacy
• Monarch • Afterlife • Society



Important People & Places



Cheddar Man

Oldest person ever found in Britain— believed to have lived in the Mesolithic period, around 9100 years ago.



John Aubrey

An early archaeologist who linked Stonehenge to prehistoric times, and suggested it had been built by druids.



Stonehenge

A world famous neolithic structure in Wiltshire, England. It began to be built around 5000 years ago, with the largest stones weighing around 25 tons.



Key Vocabulary

We are getting better at communicating historically

- tribe:** Families or communities living together in a group with a common culture.
- prehistoric:** From a time in the past before there were written records of what happened.
- flint:** A hard grey rock of silica, good for sharpening into tools and weapons.
- iron:** A strong, hard silvery grey metal which can be shaped when heated.
- archaeologist:** A person who studies history and prehistory by digging up sites and studying artefacts and remains.
- roundhouse:** A type of hut built with wattle and daub
- hill settlement:** Forts first built in Britain in the Iron Age

We Are Building Our Knowledge From

- Historical skills from Year 1 and Year 2

This will help when we learn about

- The Romans in Britain (Y4)
- Vikings and Anglo Saxons (Y5)



Timeline

From around
2.5 million BC

20,000 BC

9,000 BC

4000 BC

2000 BC

700 BC

55 BC

We are
getting better
at chronology

Paleolithic Period
(‘Old’ Stone Age)
Hunter gatherers

Woolly Mammoths
hunted to extinc-
tion in Britain

Mesolithic
(‘Middle’ Stone
Age)
Animals tamed

Neolithic
(‘New’ Stone
Age)
Farming crops

Start of
Bronze Age

Start of
Iron Age

Romans
invade Brit-
ain