

Topic:	Stone Age to Iron Age	Year:	3	Term:	Autumn 1
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### Key Knowledge and Dates

Stone Age - 13,000 BC – 43 AD

#### Important Places

Skara Brae

Stonehenge



**Background Information** - The Stone Age is named after the stone tools that the earliest humans used to help them survive. They used them to kill animals, such as mammoths, for their meat, bone marrow and skins. The bones were also useful for making tools, such as needles to sew skins together. People in the Stone Age moved around from place to place with the seasons, in order to keep safe and warm and to follow the animals they hunted.

#### 5. Stone Age - Mesolithic Life and Neolithic Life

13,000BC



People make cave paintings.

4,500-3,500BC



Farming starts and begins to spread.

#### 6. Bronze Age

4,500-3,500BC



The first pottery is made and used.

4,000-3,000BC



People start to ride and use horses.

2,500BC



Metal starts to be used.

1,800BC



The first copper mines are dug.

1,200-800BC



Metal tools are made and used.

1,200-800BC



Tribal Kingdoms and Celtic culture.

#### 7. Iron Age

800-700BC



The first hill forts are made.

700-500BC



Iron is used a lot more than before.

100BC



Coins are made and used for the first time.

AD43



The Romans invade Britain - Iron Age ends.

### Key Vocabulary

**Hill Fort** – a settlement surrounded by a wall, on top of a hill

**Homo sapiens** – the type of human species today.

**Settlement** – a place where a group of people live together in many buildings

**Tribes** – a group of people that live together for protection.

**Archaeologist** – person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them

**Site** – an area of ground where a town, building or monument is built

**Flint** – a type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears

**Iron** – a metal that is stronger and harder than bronze.

**Bronze** – a metal alloy made from a mixture of copper and tin. It is a much harder and more long-lasting material than stone or copper alone.

**Agriculture** – the practice of farming and growing crops.

B.C – Means 'Before Christ'.

A.D – Anno Domini – in Latin it means 'after Jesus was born'.

### Key Time Periods

**Stone Age** – when the first humans began to live in Europe. They used stones as tools.

**Iron Age** – humans now used iron to make tools, and farmed land instead of hunting. They lived in communities.

**Bronze Age** – in this era, metals were used to make hunting tools. Humans also began to farm land.

