

History Knowledge Organiser: *From the Stone Age to Iron Age*

Key Vocabulary

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 'Anno 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

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

The Bronze Age:

During this era, people discovered how to make **bronze**. This was a huge development and meant their tools would be much stronger.

Skara Brae



The Iron Age:

This was the last period of **prehistoric** Britain before the Romans arrived. People were making even more useful tools and learned to make them out of **Iron**.

Key changes and events

Stone Age – Mesolithic and Neolithic life

13,000 BC



The first cave paintings were drawn

10,000-3,500 BC



People learn to 'farm' different foods

3,500BC



The first pottery is made and used

Bronze Age

2500 BC



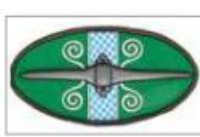
Metal starts to be used to make weapons and tools

1800 BC



The first copper mines are dug

1200-800 BC



Tribal kingdoms and Celtic culture

Iron Age

800-700 BC



The first hill forts are made

600BC



Coins are made and used for the first time

AD 43



The Romans invade Britain. Iron Age ends.