

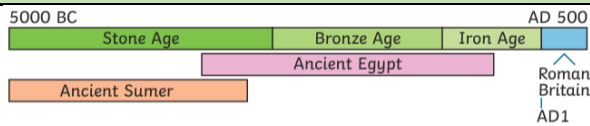
Knowledge Organiser

History

Year 3/4

Stone Age

What should I already know?



Children will have learnt about

- changes within living memory.
- events beyond living memory that are significant nationally or globally
 - the Great Fire of London,
 - the first aeroplane flight
 - festivals or anniversaries
- the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- significant historical events, people and places in their own locality.

Vocabulary



hunter-gatherer

A person who moves from place to place in search of food. Surviving by hunting, fishing and collecting berries, fruits and seeds.

agriculture

Growing crops and keeping animals for food and materials (farming).

settlement

A place where people live together in a community.

tribe

A community of people, ruled by a leader, with shared traditions, ancestors and culture.

monument

A building or structure which is important for learning about the past.

migration

When people move to live in a different place.

technology

Using knowledge to invent new devices or tools.

prehistoric

From a time in the past before there were written records.

Knowledge and understanding

Palaeolithic (or Old) Stone Age

The Palaeolithic period was significantly longer than any other time in the Stone Age and any other period in human history. In Britain, it is thought to have started around 800,000 BC. At this time, people were **hunter-gatherers** and moved on to live in a different place once they had hunted and gathered all the food available.

Mesolithic (or Middle) Stone Age

The Mesolithic period started in Britain from around 8000 BC around the end of the last Ice Age. People were still living as **hunter-gatherers** but towards the end of this time in the Stone Age, people started to learn about **agriculture**.



Neolithic (or New) Stone Age

People started to live in permanent **settlements** having been introduced to **agriculture** by people **migrating** from Europe.



What will I know by the end of the unit?

What Stone Age people had to do

hunt and gather food

find water and shelter

skin animals and make clothes

collect firewood for making fires to cook on and keep warm

make tools and weapons

There is evidence that the Stone Age people were skilled at fishing and crafts. We also know that they developed farms to live off and that they took part in religious rituals.



What were 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.

What is Stonehenge?

A very famous, **prehistoric** monument in Wiltshire, England. Building started around 5000 years ago.

It is thought to have been used for **ancient astronomy**, religious ceremonies or places of healing.

Some of the stones were brought from Preseli Hills in South Wales - 240 miles away!

Sarsen Stones were vertical stones with a horizontal stone laying across the top making 'doorways'.

Originally, this monument was just an **earthwork** and up to 150 people were buried there. Huge stones were then added in different stages. What we see today are enormous stones placed in a circular and horseshoe pattern.



What is Skara Brae?

In 1850, a Stone Age village thought to have been built around 3000 BC was discovered on Orkney, off the North coast of Scotland.

It provided evidence that the Stone Age people were beginning to settle down, making homes and farming rather than constantly moving around.

The remains of eight circular houses were discovered. These houses contained a fire pit in the middle, beds built into the walls and a set of stone shelves called a dresser. The roofs were possibly made from a timber or whalebone frame covered in seaweed, animal skin or grass.

It is believed that the original village was added to later with larger houses being more rectangular.

Carved patterns can be found on the walls of one of the buildings.

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Questions

Describe a day in the life of a hunter gatherer.

Describe a tool from the Stone Age.

Which Stone Age period came first?

When did farming start in history?

When were the first permanent houses built in history?

How do you feel about your learning in _____?

