



## Year 3 Knowledge organiser Autumn 2 - Stone Age to the Iron age.

### Vocabulary

Prehistoric	The time before written records existed
Neanderthals	Our closest extinct relative - early human.
Homo sapiens	Modern Human.
Pleistocene	When glaciers covered huge parts of the globe—The Ice Age
Extinct	No longer in existence.
Extant	Still in existence—surviving.

### Palaeolithic Stone Age

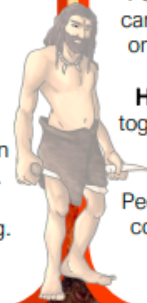
2.5 million years ago to 10,000BC

In the Old Stone Age, Britain was part of mainland Europe.

The first humans arrived in Britain around 800,000BC.

*Homo sapiens* (our ancient ancestors) arrived around 30,000BC.

Early Stone Age people lived in **caves** or very simple shelters. They made **stone tools** and survived by hunting and fishing.



### Mesolithic Stone Age

10,000BC to 8000BC

During the Middle Stone Age, Britain was linked to Europe by a strip of land called **Doggerland**.

People in Britain began to set up camps along the British coast and on river banks, but moved often.

**Hunter-gatherers** often worked together to hunt, using **spears** and **bows and arrows**.

People also tamed wolves so they could work as hunting dogs and guard their camps.

### Neolithic Stone Age

8000BC to 2500BC

Britain became an island after Doggerland was flooded around 6000BC.

During this period, people learned to **farm** and began to **settle** and live in small communities.

Neolithic people used **flint**, antler and bone to make tools, and developed the skill of making clay pots.

Houses were typically built with wooden frames, but some like at **Skara Brae** were built with stone.

### ERA

Palaeolithic era—old stone age

Mesolithic era—middle stone age




Neolithic era—new stone age

### BC AD

BC— Before Christ = A way of dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number, the longer ago it was.

AD—Anno Domini = in the year of our Lord. AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus.

### Stone Age Houses

Palaeolithic	natural caves or rock shelters	
Mesolithic	wooden posts, animal skin, thatch or turf	
Neolithic	Timber, wattle and daub, thatch or stones and midden	

### Tools and Technology

hammerstones	Palaeolithic	stone
bow & arrows	Mesolithic	stone & wood
spears	Mesolithic	stone & wood
needles	Neolithic	bone/ivory
flutes	Neolithic	bone

### Key Dates

<b>800,000 BC</b> Early humans arrived in Britain	<b>40,000 BC</b> People started creating cave paintings	<b>25,000 BC</b> Ice Age - too cold for humans in Britain	<b>12,000 BC</b> Modern humans start living in Britain	<b>8,500 BC</b> Warmer climate in Britain – forests grow	<b>6,500 BC</b> Britain became an island	<b>4,000 BC</b> Farming introduced in Britain	<b>3,500 BC</b> Horses were domesticated	<b>3000 BC</b> Skara Brae first inhabited	<b>3000 BC</b> Building of Stonehenge began	<b>2,500 BC</b> End of the Stone Age
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