

Browick Road Primary History Knowledge Organiser - Year 5 – The Stone Age to The Iron Age

Key Vocabulary

Paleolithic	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’.
Skara Brae	A Stone Age settlement in Orkney, Scotland.
Stonehenge	A Stone Age monument in South-West England.
Hunter gatherers	People who found their food by hunting animals or gathering nuts and berries.
Flint knapping	A method of sharpening flint (a strong, sharp stone) to make tools such as arrows and spears.
Settlers	People who stayed in one place to make a home, instead of travelling from one place to the next.
BC	BC stands before ‘Before Christ’ and means the number of years before the year 0 – when Christians believe Jesus was born.
AD	AD stands for ‘Ano Domini’ – which means ‘in the time of our Lord’. In other words, AD is used for all years after the year 0.

The Stone Age

The Stone Age actually began around 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 Paleolithic Britain.

Skara Brae



Stonehenge



The Bronze Age

During the Bronze Age, people had discovered how to make bronze and were able to use this to make their tools. This was a big development and meant their tools could be much stronger.

The Iron Age

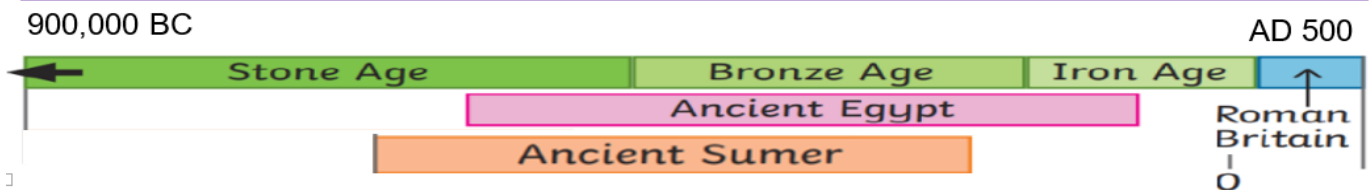
In the Iron Age, people had learned to make things out of iron! This period was the last age of Prehistoric Britain before the Romans invaded.

Key changes and events

These dates for Prehistoric Britain are so long ago that many historians have different opinions! Some websites may give you different dates.

900,000 BC	The Stone Age begins in Britain with the Paleolithic era.
9,000 BC	The Mesolithic era begins.
4,000 BC	The Neolithic era begins.
2,800 BC	Work begins on building Stonehenge.
2,500 BC	The Bronze Age begins
750 BC	The Iron Age begins.
AD 43	The Romans invade Britain

Timeline



Want to find out more about the Stone Age to Iron Age?

Books:

Horrible Histories – The Savage Stone Age
The Secrets of Stonehenge
UG: Boy Genius of the Stone Age

Websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/stone-age/>

Local places to visit:

Grime’s Graves – A prehistoric flint mine
Warham Camp – Remains of an Iron Age fort