



History: Prehistoric Britain – Ice Age, Stone Age and Bronze Age

How was prehistoric Britain different to modern day?

Lesson sequence

What does a timeline show?

What animals lived during the Ice Age?

How was life in the Stone Age different to today?

How did farming change the way people lived?

Why was Stonehenge built?

Why was the Bronze Age so successful?

What was life like in the Bronze Age?

Prior Knowledge / concept links / vocabulary already known

Making connections to previous topics and what I have already learnt

EYFS – History, Past, Present, Impact

Year 1 – Object, Artefact

*Year 2 – Change, Cause, Consequence, Similarity, Difference,
Chronological order, Evidence (Reliable / Unreliable)*

Key Vocabulary

(Understand these key words)

Word	Definition
AD	AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus. This year is AD 2021
Agriculture	The process of cultivating land to grow crops and rearing animals for food.
BC	BC is used for dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number BC the longer ago in history it was.
Chronological	In time order starting with the earliest time.
Evolution	A gradual process of change over time.
Hillfort	A fort built on a hill with outer walls or ditches for defensive purposes (for example Maiden Castle)
Hunter-gatherer	A member of a nomadic group who hunt or harvest food that grows in the wild.
Nomadic people	A group of people that move from place to place in search of food and shelter.
Roundhouse	A circular house with a conical thatched roof built from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age.
Settlement	A place with people establish a community.
Smelting	A process to separate metal from rocks by heating and melting the metal.
Tribe	A group of families or communities that share a common culture and language, usually with one leader.

Sticky learning

New History Knowledge

- When the Ice Age began and the names of animals that lived during this time.
- That the Stone Age was divided in to three periods: New Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic.
- Neanderthals developed tools for farming / fishing / hunting.
- The rising of water levels.
- Pottery and art became more complex.
- Villages and settlements developed around farms and food sources.
- The reasons behind building Stonehenge.
- Bronze is the hardest of metals and was used for tools, weapons and trading.
- Bronze Age had its own writing system.

New History Skills

- Chronology skills.
- Be able to say when something in the past happened using a date.
- Sequence a timeline.
- Ask questions about how things changed over time.
- Sort evidence into primary and secondary sources.
- Research and identify similarities and differences between times in history.
- Select information from more than one source.
- Present research in a both factual and imaginative.



40,000 – 8000BC	People started creating cave paintings.
25,000BC	Ice Age in Northern Europe and Britain.
12,000BC	Modern humans start living in Britain.
8,500BC	Climate gets warmer in Britain.
6,000BC	Britain becomes an island.
4,000BC	Farming introduced in Britain.
3,000BC	Stonehenge started to be built.
3,000BC	Skara Brae first inhabited.
2,300BC	Bronze working introduced.
1,200BC	First hillforts built.
800BC	Iron working introduced.
120BC	First coins introduced from Europe.
43AD	Romans invade Britain – start of Roman Britain and the end of the Iron Age.



Prehistoric Animals		
Woolly Mammoth (Extinct)	Woolly Rhinoceros (Extinct)	Elk (Extant)

Stone Age Tools		
Hand axe	Hammer stone	Spear

