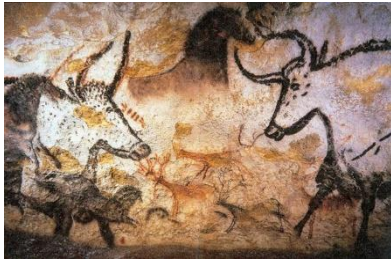


# Year 3 and 4 History Knowledge Organiser: Prehistoric Britain



Stonehenge, England



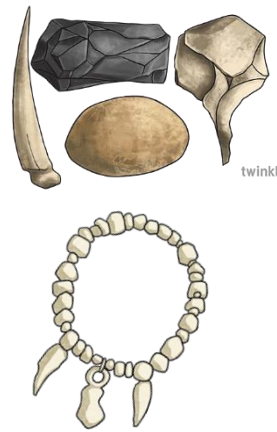
Cave paintings



Stone Age Home



Iron Age Home



Jewellery and tools - made out of beads, shell, bone, stones or animal teeth

## Key Vocabulary and Definitions:

**BC (Before Christ)** — The time period before Jesus was born

**AD (Anno Domini)** - The time period after Jesus was born

**Pre-History**—The time before humans had learnt to write and leave records.

**Palaeolithic**—The early Stone Age

**Neolithic**—The later Stone Age

**Celts**— A group of people who lived in Britain during the Iron Age.

**Smelting**— Heating two metals together to make a new one

**Tribe**—Group of people or families

**Nomadic**—Moving around with no fixed home (the opposite of sedentary)

**Sedentary**—Living in settlements in one place (the opposite of nomadic)

**Domesticating**—To tame an animal

**Cultivating**—Growing crops

**Monument**— A statue, building or other structure placed to commemorate an event or noble person

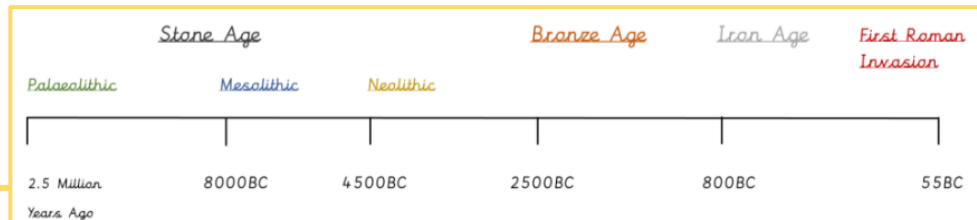
**Settler** - A person who moves with a group of others to live in a new country or area

**Civilisation**- A group of people with their own languages, laws and way of life

**Chronology**-The order in which a series of events happened, or a list or explanation of these events in the order in which they happened

**Legacy**-anything that is passed down or received, from people who have lived before

**Invasion**- When an army or country uses force to enter and take control of another country



## Key Information and Facts:

- The Stone Age began around 2.5 million years ago when the first humans started to make tools out of stone.
- The 3 main periods of time in the Stone Age were – Palaeolithic (early Stone Age), Mesolithic (mid Stone Age) and Neolithic (new Stone Age).
- The Bronze Age began when people developed bronze tools out of copper and tin. Tools were a lot stronger.
- 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.
- Prehistory is a period of time we know least about because there are no written records. We must rely on artefacts and archaeological evidence such as:
  - Stonehenge
  - Skara Brae
  - Jewellery
  - Coins
  - Weapons

## Main changes from the Stone Age to Iron Age:

- Hunter-gatherers hunted animals and gathered fruits and nuts → People started to farm the land and keep animals for food
- Communities were smaller → Communities were larger
- Settlements were temporary and people lived a nomadic lifestyle, moving in search of food → Settlements were more permanent
- Weapons and tools made out of stone → Weapons and tools made out of different metal ores (bronze and iron)