

What should I already know?

- The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This is also known as pre-history.
- At the end of the Ice Age, the sea levels rose and so Britain turned into an island.

Timeline

2,000,000 BC	The first real humans (Homo habilis) appear – They used simple stone tools and built shelters.
1,600,000 BC	‘Homo erectus’ appears – They were skilful hunters and killed animals to eat using spears.
650,000 BC	Early humans start to use hand axes.
500,000 BC	The first members of the Homo genus live in Britain.
200,000 BC	Great sheets of ice cover Britain and food becomes scarce – Early humans are forced to leave.
100,000 BC	Neanderthals make it to Britain, coping with the cold weather by living in caves and making warm clothes from animal skins
35,000 BC	Homo sapiens arrive in Europe and Neanderthals die out.
12,000 BC	The earliest humans that are direct descendants of some of the current population arrive in Britain and woolly mammoths die out in Britain .
10,000 BC	‘The Ice Age’ comes to an end in Britain – This marks the beginning of the Mesolithic period.
6,000 BC	Britain is cut off from the continent by rising sea levels.
4,000 BC	Farming begins and crops such as barley and wheat are grown.
3,000 BC	The first part of Stonehenge is built.

Stone Age artefacts and art



What will I know by the end?

- The Stone Age had three periods: Palaeolithic (‘old’ Stone Age), Mesolithic (‘middle’ Stone Age) and Neolithic (‘new’ Stone Age).
- Know what people ate in the Stone Age and how their diet changed.
- Compare the Stone Age way of life to today.
- Develop a chronologically secure knowledge of events in the Stone Age.
- To know about Skara Brae.

Vocabulary

Agriculture: The raising of crops and animals for human use.

Century: A period of 100 years.

Flaking: A process of shaping stone by chipping pieces off the edges.

Glacier : A large sheet of ice.

Hunter-Gatherer : A person who meets their needs by hunting animals and gathering plants.

Mesolithic Era: The middle part of the Stone Age Era.

Microlith: Small, sharp stones used as arrow and spear heads.

Neolithic Era: The last period of the Stone Age when humans began to develop agriculture and use tools and weapons.

Paleolithic Era: The earliest part of the Stone Age characterised by tools made of crudely chipped stone and by cave art.

Tools: Objects used to improve the performance of a task.

Historical Skills and Enquiry

- Describe what life was like during the Stone Age.
- Place events on a timeline using dates.
- Compare modern way of living to the Stone Age.
- Present what you know about the Stone Age.