

Stone Age - Iron Age

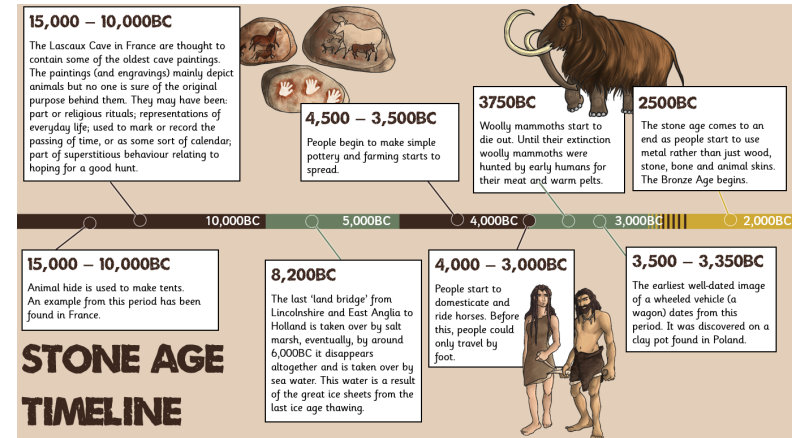


Curriculum Links:

Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age

Key Facts:

- Stone Age began when the first tools were made from stone and ended with the introduction of metal tools.
- At the end of the Ice Age, the sea levels rose and turned Britain into an island. Humans survived by using sharp stone tools to kill animals, such as mammoths.
- In the Stone Age, dead animals proved to be useful as they provided food, skins to keep warm and bones to make tools.
- Evidence of the Stone Age include discoveries of cave paintings, early tools and settlements.
- In early Stone Age, the Palaeolithic period, people were hunters and found food from roaming place to place. During Middle Stone Age, the Mesolithic time period, tools were developed, canoes meant that people also hunted for fish. In the late Stone Age, the Neolithic, life changed dramatically and people began to settle into farming villages, people also started to look after animals and grow crops.
- During the Bronze Age, stone was replaced by Bronze. Better farming equipment and weapons were produced. In the Iron Age, iron was used as the primary material. This period of history ended when the Romans invaded.
- During this time period, shelters and homes drastically developed from caves to huts, to homes with foundations, wood and wattle and daub. These development influenced periods of history



Key Vocabulary

Civilization	A human society with its own social organisation and culture
Era	A period of time in history . It often begins and ends with an important event
Extinct	No longer has any living members
Flint	Stone used in fire starting and as a tool
Mesolithic	Middle Stone Age
Neanderthal	An early species of human being, now extinct
Neolithic	New Stone Age
Nomad	A person or group of people with no fixed home
Palaeolithic	Old, or ancient, Stone Age

Possible trips/visits: We should already know:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stone Age workshop • Kent Life • Maidstone Museum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronological means time order • Life existed before our living memory • The Romans invaded Britain at the end of the Stone |
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