



# PRE-HISTORIC STONE AGE

## YEAR 3

### LINKS IN THE CURRICULUM:

- Chronology
- Using historical sources
- Compare and contrast

### Stonehenge:

- Started building in 2,800BC.
- It took 1,500 years to build.
- Blue stones were brought over from Wales.
- They used stone tools to shape the stones.
- It was used for burial, worship and healing.
- It is located in Wiltshire, England.
- Pyramids were built at a similar time.



### Key Facts:

- The Stone age begun 3.4 million years ago.
- It is known as the Stone Age because they used stone to make tools.
- The Stone Age is separated into three groups:
  - The Old Stone Age (Palaeolithic) - 700,000BC - 10,000BC
  - The Middle Stone Age (Mesolithic) - 10,000BC - 4,500BC
  - The New Stone Age (Neolithic) - 4,500BC - 2,000BC
- The Old Stone Age and the last Ice Age overlapped, people were nomads and made temporary homes in caves, they were hunter-gatherers and made stone tools.
- The New Stone Age began after the last Ice Age ended and Britain became an island.
- The New Stone Age began when people began to develop settlements and began to farm for food and domesticate animals.
- Hunter-gatherers would often hunt big mammals such as woolly mammoths, tigers, deer and bears. They would gather fruit, nut and leaves, or even muscles if by the shore.

### KEY VOCABULARY

Hunter	A person or animal that hunts to find food.
Gatherer	Someone who collects things
Pre-historic	A time before written records were created.
BC	Before Christ.
AD	After Christ.
Settlement	A place where people build a community which was uninhabited.
Nomad	Someone who travels from place to place and has no permanent home.
Survival	Something that continues to exist.
Artefact	An object that has been made by a human being, something cultural or historical.
Chronology	The arrangement of dates in order.
Domesticated	An animal that has been tamed and is kept as a pet or on a farm.
Farming	Growing crops and raising livestock.
Chisel	A tool used to shape wood, stone or metal.
Burial	Someone's body has been buried.

Old Stone Age - Palaeolithic  
People migrated to 'Britain'.



700,000BC

First cave paintings in Spain



40,000BC

Last Ice Age



25,000BC

Last Woolly Mammoth dies



12,000BC

Middle Stone Age - Mesolithic  
End of the Ice Age



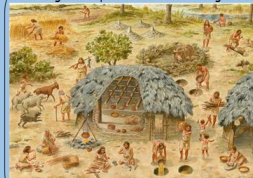
10,000BC

Europe became an island.



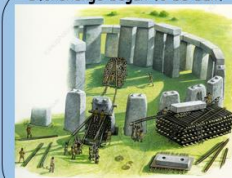
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New Stone Age - Neolithic  
Farming developed and settlements grew.



4,500BC

Stonehenge begun to be built



2,800BC

Start of Bronze Age



2,200BC