

What were the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages?

- The earliest human beings lived during the Stone Age. Stone Age people made tools and weapons of stone.
- Later, people learned to make tools and weapons from copper and from bronze, which is a mixture of copper and tin. This time was known as the Bronze Age.
- The Iron Age started after people learned to remove iron from rock using a very hot fire. Iron was better than bronze for tools and weapons because it was harder and stronger.

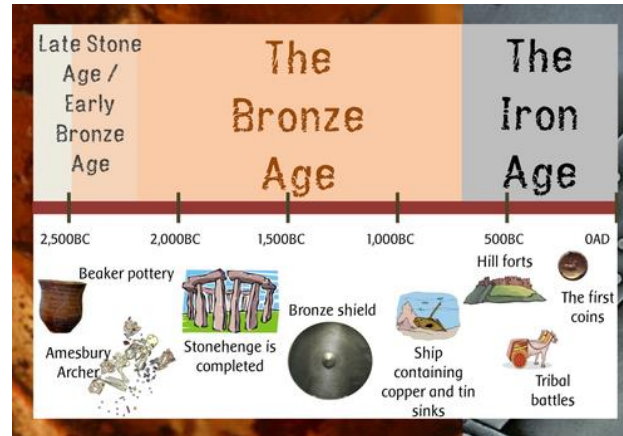


Some Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age tools.

*Next half-term, Year 3 are going to be learning all about the **Stone Age**, **Bronze Age** and **Iron Age** in our History learning. We will be learning about each Age separately, before thinking about the differences between the three and the impact they had on more modern life.*

Read the information below to find out more about our History learning.

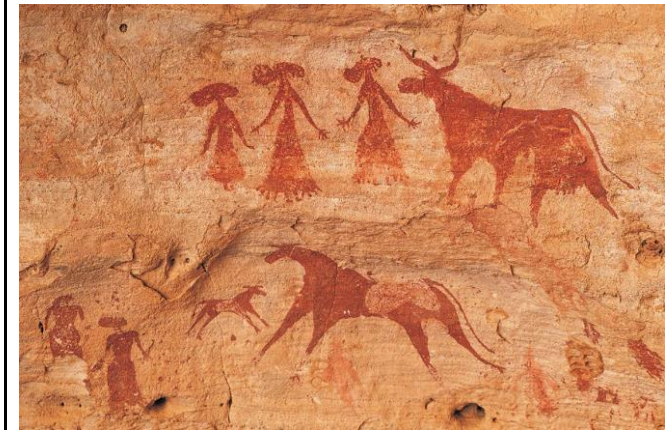
Don't forget to complete your project too!



A timeline showing the late Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in Britain.

Stone Age

- The Stone Age was a time in prehistory when humans made and used stone tools (prehistory is the time before people invented writing).
- Early humans began using stones as simple tools about 2 million years ago.
- Humans used mainly stone tools until about 10,000 years ago. However, the Stone Age began and ended at different times in various parts of the world.



A Stone Age cave painting.

Bronze Age

- The Bronze Age was a time in early human history when people first began to use tools made of bronze.
- Bronze is a hard, yellowish alloy, or mixture of metals. People make it by melting copper and tin together.
- The Bronze Age began in some places about 5,000 years ago. It began later in other places.
- Learning how to use bronze led to advances in many areas of human life.



People used bronze to make tools during the Bronze Age.

Iron Age

- Around 800 BC people in Britain learned how to use iron.
- This discovery had a dramatic impact on everyday life. Iron tools made farming much easier than before and settlements grew in size.
- During the Iron Age, the Celtic people spread out across Europe and many settled in Britain.
- The ancient Britons followed a Celtic way of life. They enjoyed feasting, music and poetry. They made fine metalwork which they traded with people in mainland Europe.



People lived in round houses during the Iron Age.

Project for Home Learning

Can you find out more about the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age and present your learning in a creative way?

You could...

- create a powerpoint presentation showing your research
- create a 3D model of a Bronze Age tool
- create a 3D model of an Iron Age round house
- sketch/paint a picture of a scene from one of the Ages
- create an information booklet all about one of the Ages.

...or anything else you can think of!