

Year 3: The Stone Age



1. BC and AD

B.C. means Before Christ. A date such as 3000BC means 3000 years before the year 1 AD (there was no year zero)

A.D. – means Anno Domini in Latin which stands for ‘in the year of our lord’. A date such as 2018 AD means 2018 years after Jesus is believed to have been born.

Stonehenge, England

- Famous Stone Age monument located in Wiltshire
- Circle of very large stones standing upright
- Some people believe it was built to learn about the movements of the sun, others believe it was a burial ground.



Skara Brae, Scotland

- Well-preserved Stone Age village in Orkney.
- 8 houses in total with only one room each – all made with stone
- Taught us a lot about life in the Stone Age



Key Vocabulary

Agriculture – The raising of crops and animals for human use

Archaeologist – A person who studies the past by looking at artefacts and remains

Artefact – An object made by a human being

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

Microlith – Small, sharp stones used as arrow and spear heads

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

Mesolithic Era – The middle era of the Stone Age in which humans began to use the world around them to help them survive e.g. by eating plants.

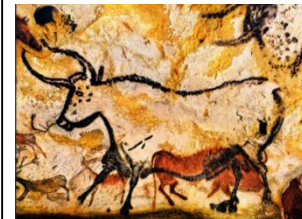
Neolithic Era – The last period of the Stone Age when humans began to develop agriculture and use tools and weapons

Nomads / Nomadic – A person who travels from place to place to search for food

Settlement – A place where people live and work

Interesting facts

1. The dog was the first animal to be domesticated, during the Mesolithic period.
2. The Palaeolithic period lasted for such a long time that it accounts for 99% of all human history.
3. At the beginning of the Stone Age, Europe was still attached to Africa!



Around 450,000 B.C.
Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age)
• People lived in caves.
• They were 'Hunter Gatherers'.



Around 8,000 B.C.
The Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age) began.
People were still 'Hunter Gatherers'.
They had better tools for hunting.



Around 4,000 B.C. The Neolithic (New Stone Age) began

