



Year 3 Knowledge Organiser- What was life like in Early Britain?

What will I learn?

In this topic we will learn:

- How Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?
- How people lived in Early Britain?
- How people lived in Skara Brae?
- What is Stonehenge?
- How we find out about what happened long ago.

Previous learning

What was the Great Fire of London?

You should already know:

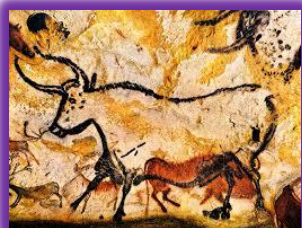
- Life in the past was different to my life now
- How to find information from historical sources from the past
- phrases such as: before, after, past, present, then and now

[Stonehenge Game](#)

[Stonehenge Virtual Tour](#)

[BBC Prehistoric animations](#)

Useful Weblinks



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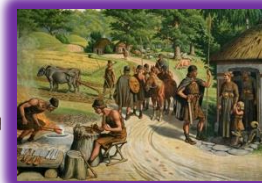
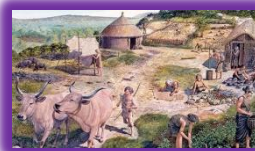
Vocabulary Dozen

archaeologist	A person who finds out about how people lived in the past
Bronze Age	A time in the past when people learned how to use bronze tools and weapons, about 5000 years ago
farmers	People who live in one place, grow their own food and raise their own animals
hillforts	Villages built on top of hills and surrounded by fences and walls for protection
hunter gatherers	People who move around hunting animals and gathering food to eat
Iron Age	A time in the past when people learned how to use iron tools and weapons, about 3000 years ago
nomads	People who move around from place to place
prehistoric	A time long ago before people could write
Skara Brae	A village in Scotland where people lived during the Stone Age
Stone Age	A time in the past when people used stone tools and weapons, about 2 million years ago
Stonehenge	A special prehistoric circle made from giant stones
tribal kingdoms	During the Iron Age Britain was divided into different kingdoms each with their own leaders

Key Knowledge

How do we know about people long ago?	Archaeologists look for objects left behind by people long ago. They find them buried under ground. There are no photographs or writings to tell us how people lived so we must use the clues we find.
When was Early Britain?	People were first thought to be in Britain 500,000 years ago. Prehistoric Britain ends around 2,000 years ago.
Why are cave paintings important?	Cave paintings give us an idea about what was important to people long ago.
How did people live in Skara Brae?	Skara Brae was a village in Scotland where people lived in the Stone Age. The remains of the homes are still there today so we can learn how people used to live.
What is Stonehenge?	A monument built in the south of England. They began building in the late Stone Age and finished a thousand years later in the Bronze Age. It is a circle made out of giant stones. People are not sure why it was built but it was probably for religious reasons.
Why did people live in hillforts?	People built their villages on top of hills and surrounded them with fences and ditches for protection from raiders and attacks.
Why did tribal kingdoms form?	People began to form tribes for protection and trade. They were ruled by a strong leader. There were many different kingdoms in Britain during the Iron Age.

Timeline of events



Palaeolithic

There were lots of different species of humans in Britain. Eventually, only Homo sapiens (modern humans) were left. They lived in caves or outside. There were several Ice Ages and Britain was joined to Europe.

Mesolithic

The ice melted and Britain became a separate land from the rest of Europe. People were hunter gatherers. They had to learn to hunt with tools and they lived in homes shaped like tipis that could be moved around to different places.

Neolithic

People started farming. They grew crops and kept animals, but they didn't settle to live in one place. People started building huge monuments, such as Stonehenge. Houses were made from mud and had thatched roofs.

Bronze was used for building and to make weapons because it was stronger. People started living in permanent settlements where they grew crops and kept animals. They stopped building huge monuments but built small burial monuments for when people died.

People started using iron to make many different objects. People lived together in large groups on farms, which were sometimes surrounded by a ditch for security. There were many different tribes living in Britain, with a lot of influence from Celts and Romans.

The Stone Age



The Bronze Age



The Iron Age