

Year 3 History Autumn 1

The Stone Age

Vocabulary:

What was new about the New Stone Age?

Palaeolithic	Refers to the prehistoric period when stone tools were made by humans.
Mesolithic	Ancient cultural stage that existed between the Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), with its chipped stone tools, and the Neolithic (New Stone Age), with its polished stone tools.
Neolithic	The time when farming was invented and when people started caring for animals, such as cows, sheep and pigs.
Archaeologist	Person who studies human history through artefacts and physical remains.
Flint	Hard stone used to make tools and start fires.
Artefacts	Something made or given shape by humans, such as a tool or a work of art, especially an object of archaeological interest.
Chronological	In time order.
Ice Age	A period in Earth's history when the ice on the polar caps significantly expanded due to an overall lowering of the Earth's global temperatures.
Stone Age	The oldest period in which human beings are known to have existed.
Pre Historic	Period of time before writing existed so history could not be properly recorded.
Forage	Food (as grass) for browsing or grazing animals.
Decay	To rot or become rotted.

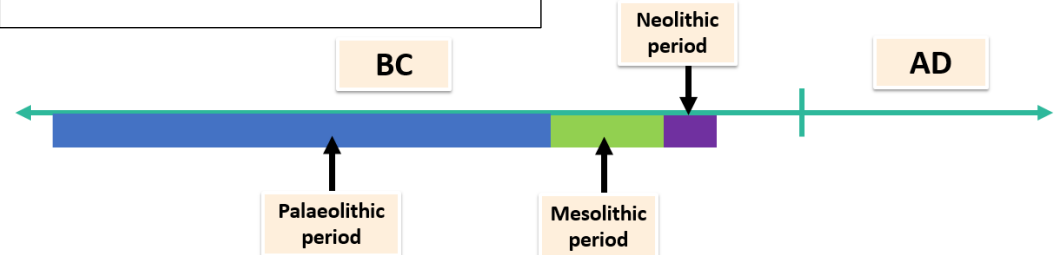


Skara Brae

A stone built Neolithic settlement, located in the Orkney region in Scotland. It is a cluster of 8 houses, which was occupied between 3000 and 2500 BC.

Stonehenge

A prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England. It consists of a ring of standing stone around 4 metres high. Its purpose and how it was built remains uncertain.



We do not know the exact dates for these periods because they did not have a calendar system or write things down. Changes during this period took time to spread.