Year 3 History Spring I The Bronze and the Iron Age

Which was more impressive - the Bronze Age or the Iron Age?

Vocabulary:

Bronze	A type of metal made from
	cooper and tin to make it harder
	and more durable.
Iron	A metal that is stronger and
	harder than bronze.
Smelt	To melt in order to separate
	different materials.
Hoard	A hoard is a large number of
	valuable objects that have been
	collected and buried, often in a
	secret location.
Period	A length of time.
Ingot	A block of metal, normally in
	an oblong shape.
Tribe	A group of people, often related
	through family, culture and
	language, usually with one
	leader.
After	Life after death.
life	
Wattle	The building material of a house
and	made from sticks (wattle) and
daub	clay, straw or manure (daub).

Bronze Age

- People discovered how to get metals out of racks.
- Bronze replaced stone as the best material for making weapons.
- People were able to build better farming equipment and they also began to make bronze weapons and jewellery.
- When people died, they were buried with their most important possessions.

Iron Age

- Iron replaced bronze as the main material for making tools and weapons.
- People lived in tribes and they were often at war with each other.
- Iron Age people began
 to protect themselves by
 settling in hillforts,
 which were groups of
 round houses and
 farming land protected
 by stone walls.
- Sometimes people from the Iron Age are called 'Celts'.
- This period of history ended when the Romans invaded Britain in AD 43.





