

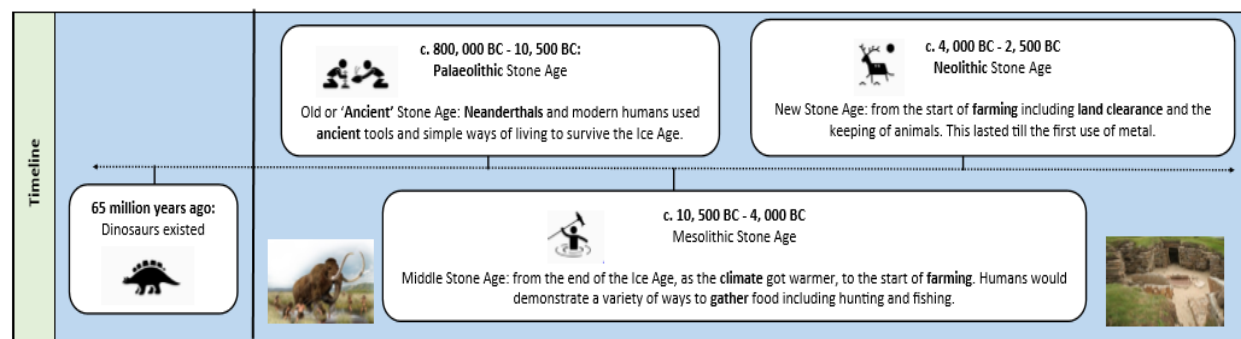


Y3 Knowledge Organiser – The Stone Ages

What will I be able to do by the end of the unit?

Year 3 students will learn about the Stone Age and its tools from the beginning to the end. They will explore how early humans relied on sharp stone tools for hunting and survival, using dead animals for food, warmth, and tool-making. They will study cave paintings, early tools, fire hearths, Skara Brae settlements, and the remains of Cheddar Man, a Mesolithic man. By comparing and contrasting the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic eras using diagrams and timelines, students will analyse Stone Age artifacts and explain their uses, and present their knowledge using various skills like Geography, English, Maths, and Computing.

People	
Neanderthal	An early species of human being, now extinct
Civilisation	A human society with its own organisation and culture
Archaeologist	Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains



What should I already know?

- The Stone Age was when early humans used tools from stone. This lasted until the Bronze Age.
- Life existed before your grandparents were born.
- Millions of years ago, dinosaurs lived. Evidence of this was found by Mary Anning, who discovered fossils.
- What climate means and an example of it.

Key Vocabulary

ancient	belonging to the distant past, especially to the period in history before the end of the Roman Empire (AD 410)
archaeologist	someone who studies the past by exploring old remains
artefact	an object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like
century	a period of 100 years
circa	Latin meaning 'around'. c. 800 BC means around 800 BC.
civilisation	a human society with its own social organisation and culture .
climate	the general weather conditions that are typical of a place
discovery	If someone makes a discovery , they are the first person to find or become aware of a place, substance, or scientific fact that no one knew about before.
era	a period of time in history. An era often begins or ends with an important event.
extinct	no longer has any living members, either in the world or in a particular place
farming	when an area of land is used to produce crops or to breed animals and livestock.
flint	a piece of stone used in fire-starting and as a tool
gather	collect things together
hearths	the floor of a fireplace, or the stone or brick area in front of it
island	a piece of land that is completely surrounded by water
land clearance	the removal of trees, or other things that are not wanted from an area to clear the land.
Mesolithic	Middle Stone Age
migration	movement from one place to another in order to settle there
Neanderthal	an early species of human being, now extinct
Neolithic	New Stone Age
nomad	a person or a group of people with no fixed home who travelled around to find shelter.
Palaeolithic	Old or 'ancient' Stone Age.
remains	traces of the past
resources	something used to help when needed.
settler/ settlement	people who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement

Question 1: Which of these is an example of a Stone Age settlement?	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Sudbury		
Skara Brae		
London		
Great Cornard		

Question 2: Why were animals important to Stone Age humans? Tick all that are true	Start of unit:	End of unit:
they provided them with food		
they used their bones to make tools		
they used their skins to keep warm		
they loved being around all kinds of animals		

Question 3: Circa means...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
artefact		
century		
around		
circle		

Question 4: Using the numbers 1-3, put these in the order in which they happened.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
The start of farming		
The start of hunting and gathering		
Early humans use tool such as flint to help them survive		

Question 5: Using the numbers 1-3, put these in the order in which they happened.	Start of unit:	End of unit:
Mesolithic		
Palaeolithic		
Neolithic		

Question 6: The discovery of the Cheddar Man was important because...	Start of unit:	End of unit:
He liked cheese		
His remains told us about life in the Stone Age		
Archaeologists found him		
We know who killed him		