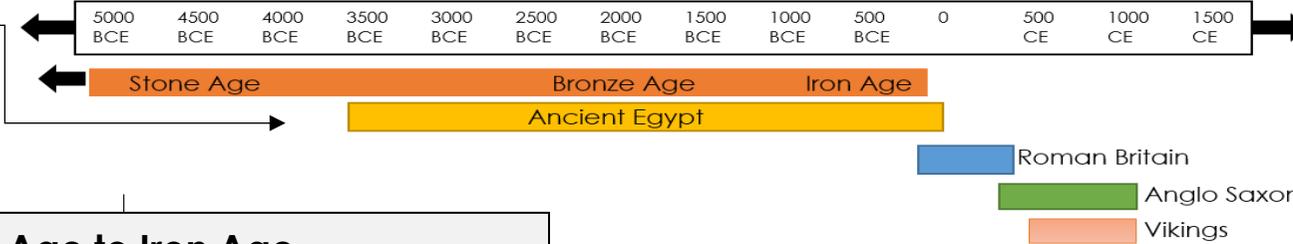


Stone Age

Knowledge Organiser

Early Stone Age, hunting, tools and Stone Age life

Timeline



Stone Age to Iron Age

Palaeolithic Period

- People were nomadic hunters and they found food by roaming from place to place in different seasons.

Neolithic Period

- People began to settle into farming villages instead of moving from place to place.
- People started to look after animals and grow their own crops.

Mesolithic Period

- Sea levels rose and Britain became an island (before this time Britain was joined to the mainland of Europe).
- Tools were developed to become smaller and finer.
- The invention of canoes meant that people were better able to hunt for fish as well as animals.

Bronze Age

- People discovered how to get metals out of rocks
- Bronze replaced stone as the best material for making tools.
- People were able to build better farming equipment and they also began to make bronze weapons.

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. Sometimes people from the Iron Age are called 'Celts'.



Society



Artefacts



Beliefs

Stone Age Life



Cave paintings – Early humans may have used art as a way of helping themselves in their struggle for survival. Paintings of animals on cave walls are common. The famous cave paintings at Lascaux, France, are 18,000 years old.

The Stone Age is named after the stone tools that the earliest humans used to help them survive. They used them to kill animals, such as mammoths, for their meat, **bone marrow** and skins. The bones were also useful for making tools such as needles to sew skins together. People in the Stone Age were **nomadic** moved from place to place with the seasons in order to keep safe and warm and to follow the animals that they hunted.



Main events



Location

Vocabulary: **bone marrow** – substance inside bones that is a high source of fat and energy; **nomadic** – To move around regularly from place to place to find a new home; **bronze** – a metal alloy made from mixing copper and tin; **earthwork** – a large mound or bank of soil made deliberately; **tribe** – a group of people, often related through family, culture and language and usually with one leader; **iron** – a metal stronger and harder than bronze.