

# A JOURNEY THROUGH TIME

## YEAR THREE

## TOPIC KIRFS



**The period of prehistory in Britain generally refers to the time before written records began. It begins when the earliest hunter-gatherers came to Britain from Europe around 450,000 BC and ends with the invasion of the Romans in AD 43. The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age covers 98% of human history in Britain. Some of the major advances in technology were achieved during this period, including the control of fire, agriculture, metalworking and the wheel.**

**Read more:** Horrible Histories: The Savage Stone Age  
Ug: Boy genius of the stone age

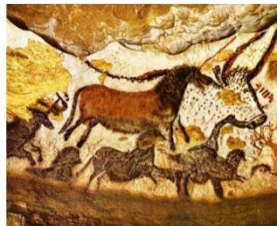
**Research:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>

### The Stone Age:

Lasted a very long time. It began about 2.7 million years ago when the first humans started to make tools out of stone. The first people came to Britain in around 900,000 BC and marked the start of **Palaeolithic** Britain.



*Stone Henge*



**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 in southwest France are about 18,000 years old.

### The Bronze Age:

During this era, people discovered how to make **bronze**. This was a huge development and meant their tools would be much stronger.

*Skara Brae*



### The Iron Age:

This was the last period of prehistoric Britain before the Romans arrived. People were making even more useful tools and learned to make them out of **Iron**.



*Maiden Castle*

## KEY QUESTIONS- CAN YOU HAVE A GO AT ANSWERING THESE AT HOME

What does AD mean? What does BC mean?  
Approximately how many years ago was the start of the Stone Age?

What kinds of food did the Stone Age people eat?

What is a roundhouse?

Why did early humans draw on cave walls?

What is Bronze? What is Iron?

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Prehistoric</b>	Before people could read or write. We only know what happened thanks to artefacts left
<b>Chronology</b>	The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.
<b>BC</b>	BC stands for 'Before Christ' and means the number of years before the year 0 - when
<b>AD</b>	AD stand for 'Anno Domini' - which means 'in the time of our Lord'. AD is used for all
<b>Hunter-gatherer</b>	People who found their food by hunting animals or gathering nuts and berries
<b>Settlement</b>	A place where a group of people live together in many buildings.
<b>Roundhouses</b>	A circular house with a conical thatched roof built from the Bronze Age to Iron Age
<b>Hill fort</b>	A fort built on a hill with outer walls or ditches for defensive purposes (for example
<b>Flint</b>	A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting