

What happened in the UK 3 million years ago?

Skills:

- Create a timeline from Stone Age to Iron Age Britain; establish a clear narrative within the period.
- Understand how knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.
- Identify and give reasons for and the results of historical events and changes.

Key vocabulary:

chronology	hand axe
invention	hammer stone
tool	modern ancestors
flint	Palaeolithic
mammoth	Mesolithic
nomad	Neolithic
cave painting	antler
historian	hunter gatherers
archaeologist	Skara Brae
source	Celts
replica	prehistoric

Must—know knowledge:

- A timeline shows historical events in chronological order.
- The prehistoric period is when there was human life but no written records. It roughly dates 3 million years ago to 1,200 BCE and can be categorised as the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.
- The Stone Age can be divided into three eras: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic.
- As humans discovered more materials like bronze and iron, they were able to create a better quality of life and everyday tools. This help shaped how people lived and worked.
- Historians and archaeologists are people who study the past, including events, people, innovations, beliefs, daily life etc.

Key people and quotes:

'Stone age. Bronze Age. Iron Age. We define entire epics of humanity by the technology they use.' - Reed Hastings

