St Stephen Churchtown Academy
KS2 History Stone Age to Iron Age

Why and how? **WHY IS IT CALLED?**

Stone Age?

Early humans started using stone, such as flint, for tools and weapons. They also used stones to light fires – the earliest known human tools.

Bronze Age?

The wide spread use (and trade) of metal tools, created by smelting tin and copper. Trade of items made from bronze from production areas elsewhere.

Iron Age?

When people discovered iron and steel, it changed farming – the tools used made it easier, as well as how people lived in communities and the spread of the written language.

Who and what?

The Stone Age, two main concerns – food and shelter. Hunter-gatherers, hunted the food they needed or gathered food from trees and other plants. People moved around from place to place to get the food and shelter they needed.

The Bronze Age, bronze replaced stone for making tools and weapons. They made improvements in agriculture, developed early writing, irrigation, the wheel and the potter's wheel. They lived in one place and 'settlements' started to appear.

The Iron Age, further farming advances, grinding grain into flour, trading resources and the building of hill forts to defend lands. As farming became productive the population rises.

When and where?

The Stone Age is a 'prehistoric' and an extremely long period in History – it started in approx. 750,000 BC. Divided into 3 parts

- Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age)
- Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age
- Neolithic (New Stone Age)

Bronze Age Britain is an era of British history that spanned from c. 2500 – 2000 BC until c. 800 BC. Lasting for approximately 1,700 years

The Iron Age in Britain began around 750BC and lasted until the coming of the Romans in AD43.

Key vocabulary

Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age = Prehistoric.

hunter-gatherer, farming, agriculture, smithing.

settlement, hill fort, Skara Brae, round house, Stonehenge, Castle an Dinas.

tools, weapons, spear, axe, arrow head, pottery.

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