

The Stone Age

Enquiry Question: What was new about the New Stone Age?

Key Vocabulary		Sticky Knowledge
BC		The Stone Age gets its name from the stone (flint) used to make tools and weapons.
AD		Palaeolithic (Early Stone Age): People used very simple tools made from wood, bone and stone. They moved around to find food and so lived in simple shelters or caves. They hunted mammoths, wild boar, reindeer and horses. They gathered nuts, roots and berries to eat. They began to use fire.
Palaeolithic		
Mesolithic		Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age): The people made better tools including spear throwers. They used dogs for hunting. They sometimes stayed in the same place for a longer amount of time and started to build houses with wood frames.
Neolithic		Neolithic (New Stone Age): Humans formed settled communities for the first time in history. They built more homes in one place. They began to keep farm animals. Forests were cleared and crops were grown. They made new farming tools. People became better at crafts like weaving and pottery.
Flint		
Artefact		There is no written evidence of the Stone Age. We know about life in the Stone Age from looking at archaeological remains.
Ice Age		Skara Brae is a Neolithic village that was discovered near Scotland.
Hunter-gatherer		The Neolithic people built monuments such as Stonehenge. We are not sure why Stonehenge was built. It could be a clock, temple or place for sacrifices.
Monument		
Settlement		