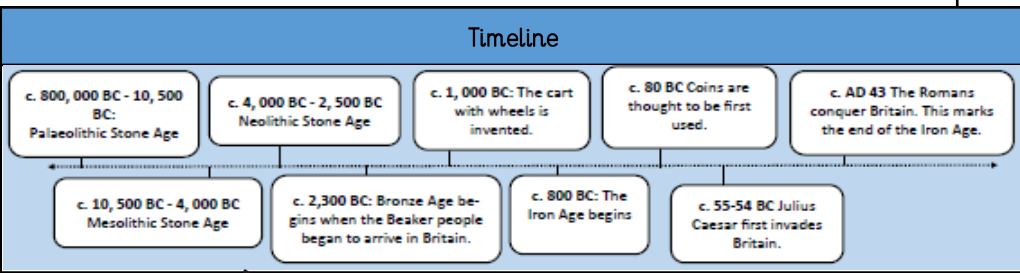




# Topic: Rock and Roll – The Stone Age (including the Bronze Age and Iron Age)

Years: 3 and 4



## Vocabulary

Prehistory	The period of time before writing was invented.
Hunter-Gatherer	Collecting and finding food, rather than farming.
Palaeolithic	(pay-lee-o-lithic) The Early Stone Age, starting 2.5 million years ago until around 10,000 BC.
Mesolithic	The Middle Stone Age, lasting from around 8000 BC until 4000 BC. People domesticated animals and used better tools.
Neolithic	The New Stone Age. From 4000 BC – 2000 BC. People fully domesticated some animals and built Stonehenge.
Tribe	A group of people, often related who live together but do not live in towns or cities.
Pelt	A piece of clothing made from animal fur or skin.
BC / AD	B.C. means Before Christ. A.D. – means Anno Domini in Latin which stands for 'in the year of our lord'.
Flint	A type of stone which can be shaped into spears and tools.
Settler/Settlement	People who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement.
Monument	Something built to remember an important person or place.
Agriculture	Farming and growing crops.
Era / Period	A length of time covering many years.
Bronze	The metal that ended the Stone Age. Made from melting copper and tin.

### What do you already know about the Stone Age? What do you want to find out about the Stone Age?

### Important facts

#### The Stone Age

- 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.
- At the end of the Ice Age, the sea levels rose and so Britain turned into an island.
- The Stone Age had three periods - **Palaeolithic** ('old' Stone Age), **Mesolithic** ('middle' Stone Age) and **Neolithic** ('new' Stone Age).
- Palaeolithic Stone Age** lasted until the end of the Ice Age. Early humans used stones as tools. This lasted till about 10,500 BC.
- Mesolithic Stone Age** was from about 10,500 BC to 4,000 BC. Humans would demonstrate a variety of ways to gather food including hunting and fishing.
- Neolithic Stone Age** was from 4,000 BC to about 2,500 BC. This marked the start of farming including land clearance and the keeping of animals.
- We only know parts of the Stone Age from the **artefacts** that we have found. These are like clues which we can use to help understand what life was like in the past.
- The Stone Age people of Britain were the first people to build **settlements**. Before this, they were **Nomadic**, which meant they would be constantly on the move, looking for food.
- Skara-Brae** is one of the earliest Stone Age Settlements to be discovered in the UK. Historians believe it was inhabited around 3000 BC.
- Stonehenge** is believed to have been built around 3200 BC. It is one of the most remarkable achievements of prehistoric history but its purpose remains a mystery. No one knows why or how Stonehenge was built.

#### Bronze Age and Iron Age

- The **Bronze Age** started at different times around the world. Tools were made from bronze - copper and tin were heated up and poured into casts.
- In the **Iron Age** tools were made from iron. Iron was heated up then the hot iron was hammered into shape.



### Historical skills and enquiry

- Describe what life was like for groups of people during the Stone Age.
- To look at the reliability of evidence from the Stone Age.
- Ask questions and find out answers about the Stone Age.
- Explain how Britain changed during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages using a timeline to help.
- Study artefacts/tools and explain what their uses were.
- Place events on a timeline using dates.
- Compare hunter-gatherers to farming in the Stone Age.
- To discuss the different time periods – benefits and changes.
- Explain how the Romans brought an end to the Iron Age.
- Present what you know about the Stone Age using a variety of skills (e.g. Geography, English, Maths, Computing)



Question 1 : Did the dinosaurs exist at the same time?	Start of unit	End of unit
For a short while		
Yes		
No		


Question 2: What is the historic name for the 'Old Stone Age'	Start of unit	End of unit
Neolithic Stone Age		
Palaeolithic Stone Age		
Mesolithic Stone Age		

Question 3 : Tick the foods you think a Stone Age person would eat.	Start of unit	End of unit
Bread		
Blackberries		
Deer		
Pasta		

Question 4 : Order these time periods in chronological order (1-4)	Start of unit	End of unit
Iron Age		
Romans		
Bronze Age		
Stone Age		

Question 5 : Tick the types of houses that you think the Stone Age people lived in:	Start of unit	End of unit
A cave		
A brick house		
A round house		
Animal-skin shelters		



Question 6 : What is the name of this famous landmark?	
	
Start of unit	End of unit

Question 7 : What evidence have we found that show that the Stone Age people existed? (Tick all that you think)	Start of unit	End of unit
Flint tools		
Old photographs		
Diaries		
Cave paintings		
Bones		
Landmarks		



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**What should I already know?**

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**Important facts**

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**Vocabulary**


**Geographical skills and fieldwork**

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**Diagrams**

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