

The Bronze Age

What our children should already know

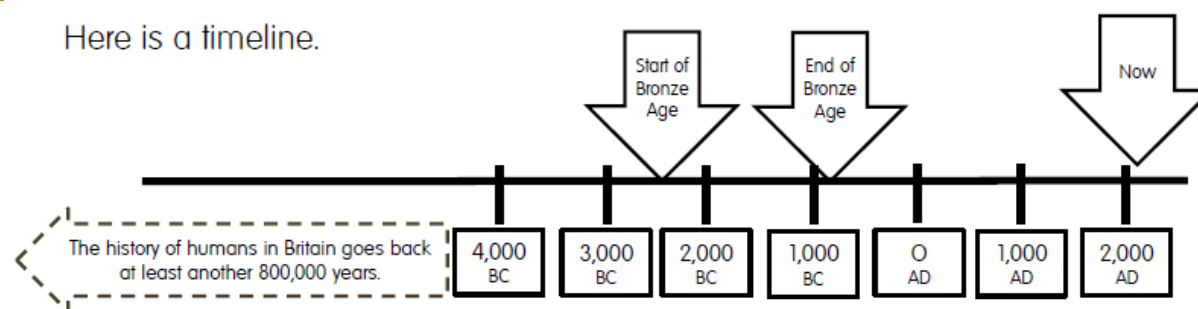
The Stone Age began when the first modern humans arrived in Britain, between 850,000 and 950,000 years ago.

At the beginning of the Stone Age, people would move with the aurochs (herds of animals) and have seasonal camps.

By the end of the Stone Age, people had permanent settlements where they would keep animals and grow crops.

Pre-history is before there was written evidence, artefacts are used to suggest how people lived in the Stone Age.

Here is a timeline.



Key Vocabulary

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Arsenic bronze	A natural material dug from the ground.
bronze	A type of metal made from copper and tin to make it harder and more durable.
copper	A soft metal that, when added to tin, is made stronger.
smelt	To melt in order to separate different metals.
tunic	An outer layer of clothing usually coming to the knee.
urn	A container, similar to a vase. It is often where the ashes from someone who has died are stored.
wattle and daub	The building material of a house made from sticks (wattle) and clay, straw or manure (daub).
migrated	To move from one country or region to another.

settlement Where people establish a com-

Stone Henge A prehistoric monument consisting of a circle of circle or

Lesson Sequence

Lesson 1 Understand the smelting process

Lesson 2 Write facts about people from the past (Amesbury Archer)

Lesson 3 Explain how Britain was influenced by the Beaker people

Lesson 4 Know what a Bronze Age Settlement was like

Lesson 5 Understand how a round house is made

Lesson 6 Understand the importance of Stone Henge

Key Facts and Dates

- 2500-1500BC The Bell Beaker culture arrived in Britain.
- 2500-800BC Metalwork became more sophisticated—axes, spearheads and daggers
- 1200—800BC Celtic culture and tribal kingdoms start to emerge
- 800 BC The Bronze Age came to an end and the Iron Age began



An early copper arrowhead

Bronze Age artefacts



Axe head

Swords

Beaker pottery

Shield

Map



Final Outcome

Children will write a diary entry as someone who lived in the Bronze Age.

SMSC Links

Spiritual - Were people of the Bronze Age spiritual?

Moral - Is it morally ok to disturb burial grounds to find out more about the past?

Social—How did the way people live change through the ages?

Cultural - How has the culture of Britain changed?

Famous Figures

Amesbury Archer



Choices

- Would pupils uproot a burial ground?
- Which sources of evidence would they trust the most?
- Would they prefer to live in the past or in present?

Bronze Age

When was the start of the Bronze Age?	Where did the Amesbury Archer travel from?	What is bronze made of?	What was buried with the Amesbury Archer?
What is a henge?	When was the end of the Bronze Age?	Who were the Bell Beaker people?	What does smelting mean?
What does migrate mean?	What were their houses made from?	Name 3 changes from the Stone Age?	How do we get information about the Bronze Age?

One Point	Two Points	Three Points	Four Points
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