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| Key Knowledge | |
| Geography | |
| Where is Skara Brae? | On the Orkney Islands, north of Scotland. |
| History | |
| How do we know about life in the Stone Age? | Archaeologists have found remains of homes, tools, weapons and human skeletons which tell us about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. |
| Who lived in Britain first? | Prehistoric Britain is split into three eras- Stone Age (15,000 – 3000 BC), Bronze Age (3000 – 800 BC) and Iron Age (800 BC – 43 AD). |
| What was prehistoric Britain like? | Earliest humans were hunter-gatherers and gradually learned new skills as they moved into the Bronze and the Iron ages. |
| How did hunter-gatherers live? | They had to catch or find everything they ate. During the Bronze Age and Iron Age, they began to use metal to help them hunt. |
| What changed through each period of the Prehistoric Era? | The names come from the materials they used most. By 2100 BC, Britons mined metals and in 800 BC, people learned how to use iron. |
| Why did Prehistoric Britain end? | In AD 43, the Romans conquered ancient Britons and Britain became part of the Roman Empire. |
| How did the prehistoric age improve Britain? | They created their own way of communicating (cave paintings), made their own weapons and created the first clothes. |

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| **Subject Specific Vocabulary** | |
| **archaeologists** | People who discover our history by looking at artefacts that have been found. |
| **artefact** | An object made by human beings, usually of interest to archaeologists. |
| **Prehistoric** | The period of history including Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age |
| **BC** | Before Christ. The date 250 BC means 250 years before Christ was born. |
| **chronology** | The ordering of events, for example the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age. |
| **hunter-gatherers** | People who mainly live by hunting, fishing and gathering wild fruit. |
| **civilization** | When people live in a large society with a shared culture and rules. |
| **settlement** | A place where there were several Stone Age shelters, like a small village. |
| **Skara Brae** | A prehistoric village located on the Orkney Islands. |

