The Stone Age period covers over 3 million years. It began when the first humans lived on Earth. It is called the Stone Age because tools and weapons were mainly made from stone that had a sharp edge.

The Stone Age is split into three time periods:

Palaeolithic – the earliest people used simple stone tools

Mesolithic – People lived as hunter- gatherers, they kept moving on to survive, they were nomadic

Neolithic – farming began, pottery was made, villages were built

During the old and middle periods, people lived in caves or tents. The evidence that early humans lived in caves has been found by archaeologists who discovered cave paintings. Archaeologists have also found evidence that they built tent like shelters using wood, animal bones and animal skins with moss covered floors.

Day 1

Read the text x 2. Ask someone to echo read with you. Person A reads a sentence, person B reads the same sentence.

Day 2 - Vocabulary

- 1. Nomadic means
- 2. An archaeologist is someone who.....
- 3. A shelter is a
- 4. A tool is something that is used.....

Day 3 Reading Skill - retrieval

Find the questions in the text:

- 1. In which time period did the Stone Age people start farming?
- 2. Name the two types of house they lived in.
- 3. Why was it called the Stone Age?
- 4. What was found on the cave walls?
- 5. What did they build tents with?

Day 4 Mixed questions

- 1. The Stone Age people lived in brick built house. True or false
- 2. Hunters picked berries. True or false
- 3. Gatherers gathered meat. True or false
- 4. In which time period was pottery made?
- 5. In which time period were they nomadic (moving around)?
- 6. In which time period did they use simple stone tools?
- 7. What evidence has been found?

Day 5 Challenge

Using the information from your reading, write a day in the life of a child's day in the Stone Age.