

## Team 2 - Knowledge Organiser – The Stone Age

**What you should know already:** That chronological means time order. That Britain has changed over the years and that people have not always lived in towns and cities. That other Ancient civilizations, such as The Greeks, lived very differently to how we live now.

### Top Ten Vocabulary

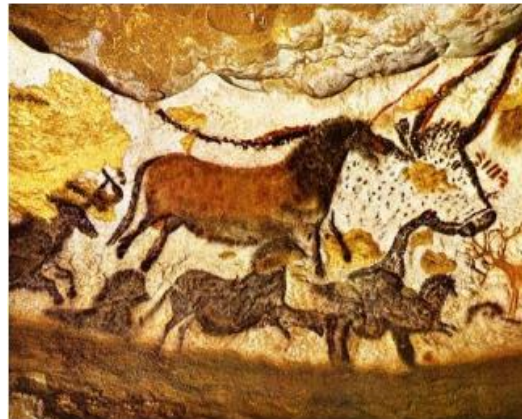
The Stone Age	When the first humans began to live in Europe. They used stones as tools.
Paleolithic Period	The first of three periods during the Stone Age. People were nomadic hunters and moved around to find food.
Nomadic	A group of people that move from place to place in search of food and shelter.
Mesolithic Period	The second period of the Stone Age when sea levels rose and Britain became an island.
Neolithic Period	The third period of the Stone Age where people began to settle into farming villages.
Bronze Age	A period that followed the Stone Age - weapons/ tools were made of bronze.
Iron Age	A period that followed the Bronze Age - weapons/ tools were made of iron.
Homo sapiens	The type of human species today.
Archaeologist	Person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them.
Flint	A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting

**Synopsis:** In History this half term, we will explore the three different periods of The Stone Age and what life was like during each of these eras. We will look at artefacts that tell us about these periods of time and explore how life in Britain changed and developed. In Computing, we will learn how to design our own Neolithic settlement, taking inspiration from Skara Brae.

Skara Brae- a Neolithic site in Scotland - occupied between 3000 and 2500 BC



Cave Paintings found in Lascaux thought to be over 18,000 years old.



### Key Knowledge

The **Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age** covers 98% of human history in Britain. The evolution of humans to **Homo sapiens** occurred in this period and some major advances in technology were achieved including the control of fire, agriculture, metalworking and the wheel.

The term '**Stone Age**' refers to a very long period of time that we can break up into three sections.

- The **Paleolithic period**, where people were **nomadic** hunters and they found food by roaming from place to place.
  - The middle era, called the **Mesolithic period**, which began at a time when sea levels rose and Britain became an island. Tools were also developed to become smaller and finer. The invention of canoes meant that people were better able to hunt for fish as well as animals.
  - The **Neolithic period**, where people began to settle into farming villages with domesticated animals, instead of moving from place to place.
  - **The Bronze Age and The Iron Age** followed on from the Stone Age.
- Archeologists** have found artefacts such as **flint tools**, cave paintings and other items from these eras which tell us what life was like during these **periods** of time.

