



Year 3 Topic: Stone Age to Iron Age

**Key questions:**

* **How did humans survive in the Stone Age?**
* **What is Skara Brae and why is it significant?**
* **What were Stone Age homes like?**

**This topic will link to our Community, Legacy and Sustainability drivers as we find out how Stone Age humans survived and thrived.**

**Vocabulary**

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| archaeologist | Someone who studies the past by exploring old remains. |
| artefact | An object from the past that shows evidence of what life was like. |
| barrow | A large structure made of earth that people used to build over graves. |
| bronze | Copper and tin are melted together to make a metal called bronze. |
| century | a period of 100 years |
| circa | Latin meaning ‘around’. c. 800 BC = around 800 BC. |
| druids | powerful religious people |
| hillfort | settlements built on hills to provide more protection |
| invasion | to try and take over a place by force |
| loom | an apparatus that makes fabric using threads |
| migration | movement from one place to another in order to settle there |
| rampart | a defensive wall built for protection |
| remains | traces of the past |
| resources | something to help when needed |
| sacrifice | offerings to spirits such as weapons and animals |
| settler/  settlement | people who migrate to a new place.  When people start a community, this is a settlement. |
| stone circle | Burials took place in stone circles |
| trade | the activity of buying, selling and exchanging goods and services |







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| **Key Facts and Dates** | |
| 15,000 BC – 10,000 BC | Cave paintings found in France date back to this time. |
| 4,500 BC – 3,500 BC | People begin to make simple pottery and farming starts to spread. |
| 4,000 BC – 3,000 BC | People begin to ride horses. Before this point, the only way to travel was on foot. |
| 3,000 BC | Construction starts on Stonehenge. |
| 2,500 BC – 1,500 BC | Bronze axes are developed, which leads to advances in woodworking techniques. |
| 1,800 BC | The first large copper mines are dug at this time. |
| 1,000 BC | The cart with wheels is invented. |
| 80 BC | The first coins are thought to have been used. |