

Key Learning

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, Britain was not an island. Britain was a part of a much bigger land mass. In the area between Britain and what is now Denmark was a **landbridge**. We call this land-bridge Doggerland.

Humans had not yet learned how to grow their own food. Instead of growing food, humans moved from place to place trying to find food. They were called nomads. They also hunted for food using tools made from stone. This is why it is called the Stone Age.

During the Stone Age, humans painted pictures in caves. Humans did not write down anything during the Stone Age. **Pre-history** is what we call the time before humans began to write things down. Mammoths are prehistoric animals.

Over 5,000 years ago, some people lived in a village in a group of islands north of Scotland. In the Orkney Islands is a group of houses we call **Skara Brae**.

By the end of the Stone Age, people were piling up large circle-shaped **mounds** of earth. One of them is called Sidbury Hill. Not far from there is a large circle of standing stones. This is called Stonehenge.

It is not known exactly how Stonehenge was built. Historians have some ideas how it could have been built and how pre historic people were able to move the enormous stones all the way from Wales.

The Stone Age



Vocabulary

Ancestors	A person who was in someone's family in the past.
Ditch	A long narrow hole that is dug along a road or field and used to hold or move water.
Hammer	A tool that has a heavy metal head attached to a handle and used for hitting things or breaking things apart.
Hunter-gatherers	A group of people who hunt for animals and look and gather plants to eat.
Land-bridge	A strip of land connected two land masses
Mammoth	A large hairy extinct mammal with very long tusks that curve upwards.
Midsummer's Day	It is the middle of Summer on the 24 th June and is sometimes called the Summer solstice. It is the longest day in the year.
Midwinter's Day	It is the shortest day of the year and usually takes place on the 21 st or 22 nd December. It is often called the Winter solstice.
Mounds	A small hill
Nomadic	People who move from one place to another in search of food.
Pre-history	It is the time before people began to write.
Pre-historic	Something that belongs to the time before people began to write.
Stone Age	The period in history where humans used stone to make tools and weapons.
Tools	Something that is used to make a change to something else or to help do a job.

The Stone Age Timeline

2,000,000 BC

The first real humans appear, they used simple stone tools and built shelter.

1,600,000BC

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650,000 BC

Early humans start to use hand axes..

6,000 BC

Britain is cut off from Europe by rising sea levels.

4,000 BC .

Farming begins and crops such as barley and wheat are grown.

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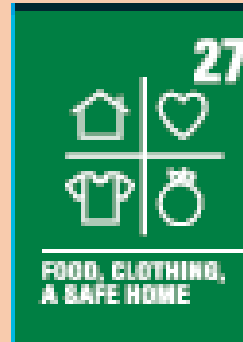
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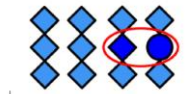


Global Goals

2 - Zero Hunger



Big Idea



Similarity
and
Difference



Continuity
and
Change



Prior Learning

Map work (KS1)

Locating
countries

Timeline (KS1/2)

Chronological
understanding



National Treasures

Stonehenge
Skara Brae