

Y3 HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: WHAT WAS NEW ABOUT THE STONE AGE?

Key Vocabulary

Archaeologists	Someone who digs in the ground to find clues about the past.	Artefact	An object that tells us how people used to live.
Knapping	Slicing off pieces of stone with another stone to make weapons and tools.	Nomadic	People who travel from place to place with no fixed place to live.
Prehistory	A period in history before official written records.	Hunter gatherer	People who hunt animals and gather plants for their food.

Key Ideas

- The Stone Age can be seen as the start of the development of early human civilization with its move from nomadic groups of hunter gatherers to settled farmers.
- The Stone Age is the time in history where weapons and tools were made out of stone.
- At the start of the Stone Age, humans were nomadic hunter-gatherers.
- They slept in basic shelters, often in the open air or caves. We know this because cave paintings have been found in many parts of Europe.
- Later, they learned how to farm and started to build houses and settle in villages.
- Stone age houses were made of wattle and daub, with one room and a fire in the centre.
- Britain was joined to Europe by Dogger Bank until 6000 BC. This land bridge enabled people to move from Europe to settle in Britain. Many of the changes during this period were introduced to this country by immigrants.
- At around 2100 BC, people started to discover that they could make a new metal by mixing copper and tin. This new metal, bronze, was stronger and easier to use and so the Stone Age ended and the Bronze Age began.



Skara Brae

Skara Brae is one of the biggest Neolithic settlements anywhere in the world. It is located in the Orkney islands off the Northe-east coast of Scotland. It dates back to about 3000 BC.



How do we know about the Stone Age?

- The period is called Prehistory because there are no written historical sources of evidence.
- Archaeological discoveries frequently add different ideas about what life was like during the Stone Age.

Timeline



