Who first lived in Britain?

HISTORY
Year 3
Autumn Term

Overview

The Stone Age is the name given to the earliest period of human culture when stone tools were first used. The Stone Age ended when men began smelting metal. It began 2.5 million years ago when the primary purpose of human beings was to protect themselves from other beings and feed themselves. In this unit, we will learn how they lived, what they ate, what tools they used, about their clothes, houses and lifestyle.



Knowledge & Understanding

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Understand the reasons for some of the changes in Britain during the Stone Age.
- Understand that our knowledge of the past is constructed from different sources of evidence.
- Understand that the past can be divided into different periods of time.
- Begin to understand that a timeline can be divided into BC and AD
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History skills

In this unit, the pupils will:

- Use some dates and historical terms when ordering events or artefacts.
- Use a range of sources to find about a period.
- Select and organise historical information to present in a range of ways.
- Use a timeline to place historical events in chronological order.

Home – school link project

During this topic, pupils can choose to:

- Design and make a model of a pre-historic shelter.
- Design and make a model of Stonehenge.
- Write instructions on how to make Fruit stew/oat cakes.
- Draw food chains for some pre-historic animals.

Topic Vocabulary

archaeologist - *a person who studies human history by digging up historical sites and analysing artefacts/physical remains*

hunter-gatherers - *people who lived by hunting and collecting food*

Mesolithic period - *the time between the Palaeolithic and the Neolithic*

Neolithic period - *the time when people had started farming but still used stone for making weapons and tools*

Palaeolithic period - *the time of the arrival of primitive humans and the making of unpolished chipped stone tools*

Pre-historic - *relating to the period before written records*

Stone Age - *the first known period of prehistoric human culture characterised by the use of stone tools*

Working Historically

AD (Anno Domini) - *after Jesus was born*

artefact - *an object made by a human being, typically of historical interest*

BC (Before Christ) - *before Jesus was born*

chronology - *in time order*

historical evidence -*a piece of information that can help us understand the past*

research - *to investigate the reasons why something happened in the past*

source - *a book, document or object used to provide historical evidence in research*

timeline - *a list of important events arranged in order of when they happened*