

Autumn Term Year 3 History Overview

Key facts

The Stone Age is divided into three periods – Paleolithic (Old Stone Age), Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), Neolithic (New Stone Age). It lasted for roughly 2.5 million years.

During this time, men were hunter-gatherers. People regularly moved around regularly in search for food. Tools were made of stone as well as wood, bone and leather. The period also saw beginnings of art with cave paintings. The first evidence of homes in Britain came from this period and the first canoes were made.

Climate change during the Stone Age caused animal life to go through several changes. The gradual development of agriculture and the domestication of animals during the Neolithic period meant people could live in settled communities.

Resources

Books
Photographs
Information from the internet
Stone Age artefacts

The Stone Age

Brief summary/ overview

Children will learn about the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will learn when the Stone Age was in comparison to other times in history and now. Considerations will be made about how the Stone Age contributes to today's society. Children will explore how people lived during that period and compare it with their lives today.

Prior Knowledge

Understand the concept of change over time and evidencing this using a timeline. Ask and answer questions from the past using historical terminology. Make links to a past society and compare similarities / differences. Understanding of chronology.

Key Vocabulary

Stone Age	Extinct
Iron Age	Tools
Chronology	Weapons
Mesolithic	
Palaeolithic	
Neolithic	
Woolly Mammoth	
Hunter gatherers	
Pre-historic	
Flint	

Cross curricular links/visits

Art –Cave Art, making jewellery
Computing – Research and enquiry
Forest School – Cooking on the fire