



## Spring Year 5/6 Stone Age to Iron Age

### Key Changes and Events Timeline

#### 3000 BC

The village of Skara Brae is built in Orkney. The people who live there are beginning to farm their own food and build homes instead of travelling from place to place. Construction starts on Stonehenge in Wiltshire. It will take around 1000 years for it to be finished.

#### 2500 BC

'Bell Beaker' culture arrives in Britain. These people are named for their distinctive decorative pottery.

#### 2100 BC

Bronze begins to be used in Britain to make weapons and tools.

**1800 BC** The first large copper mines are dug.

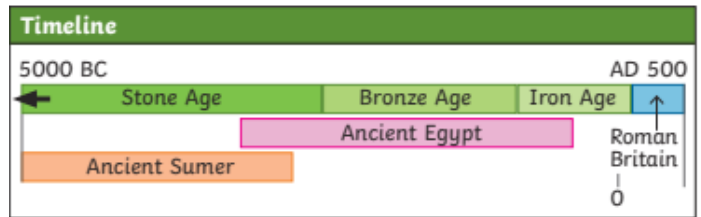
**1200 BC** 'Celtic' culture begins to arrive in Britain and tribal kingdoms develop.

#### 800 BC

Iron begins to be used in Britain to make tools and weapons, instead of bronze.

The first hillforts are constructed.

**AD 43** The Romans invade Britain.



### Roundhouses

- a. thick thatch
- b. door
- c. wattle
- d. daud
- e. timber frame
- f. upright loom
- g. hearth (fire)
- h. beds
- i. logs for sitting on



### Vocabulary

bronze	A metal alloy made from a mixture of copper and tin.
Druids	priests of the tribes we call 'Celts'
Celt	A modern term for people living in Europe in the Iron Age. The Celts were made up of different tribes
tribe	A group of people, often related through family, culture and language usually with one leader
Skara Brae	Skara Brae was discovered after a storm in AD 1850 removed the earth that had been covering it.
ard	iron plough
Palaeolithic	Old Stone Age
Mesolithic	Middle Stone Age
Neolithic	New Stone Age
mastodons	Mammal distantly related to elephants
knucklebones	A game in which bones are thrown and picked up
long barrow	Middle Neolithic burial monument

### Stonehenge

Stonehenge is a famous prehistoric monument in southern England, built at the end of the Stone Age and into the **Bronze** Age. Originally, it was just an **earthwork** and up to 150 people were buried there. The huge stones that we see were added in different stages. Some were brought from 240 miles away in Wales.

