



Endpoints for History

Year 3 – From Stone to Iron



During this project, we will work as historians to explore how people lived during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages, discovering how life evolved over thousands of years. We'll investigate daily life – from hunting and gathering to farming and metalworking – and examine artefacts, including Iron Age hoards, to uncover stories about their makers.

What I know and can explain

Prehistory is split into three periods: the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The ages are named after the materials used to make weapons and tools at the time.

Stone Age people created cave art, moved from place to place, hunted for their food and used tools made of stone and antler

The discovery of bronze and how it could be used changed the way that people lived, farmed, fought, traded and dressed

Bronze Age life was defined by the use of bronze to make tool and weapons, and the creation of large settlements and social hierarchy

The Iron Age in Britain started c800 BC when Celts from Europe settled in Britain and brought their ironworking skills with them

Iron Age hillforts were protected settlements containing roundhouses built on hilltops

A hoard is a collection of precious objects that have been buried in the ground to be retrieved later

The torcs, jewellery and coins in the Snettisham Hoard are made from precious metals and the gemstone jet

Useful Vocabulary

AD – The time after Christ was born. It stands for anno Domini, which is Latin for 'in the year of our Lord'

Archaeologist - Someone who studies artefacts from the past

Artefact - A human-made object that is of historical interest

BC - Stands for 'before Christ' and is used after a date to show the number of years before Christ's birth

Celt - One of a group of people who travelled from Europe and brought their ironworking skills to Britain

Copper - A malleable, reddish-gold metal found in the ground

Hoard – a collection of valuable items, usually hidden

Iron - A strong, hard, silvery-grey metal found in rocks as iron ore

Settlement – A place where people live