

Holy Souls RC School



History Stone age to Iron Age

Year 3

Historical skills and enquiries

- I can explain how archaeologists use artefacts to learn about the past.
- I can explain some of the methods archaeologists use to find out about the past.
- I can explain why Star Carr is an important archaeological site.
- I can use a variety of sources to answer questions about the past.
- I can place the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age on a timeline.
- I know that prehistory spans millions of years.

Stonehenge - England

Stonehenge is a famous monument located in Wiltshire, England. It is a circle of very large stones standing upright. It was built in the Stone Age. Nobody knows why it exists. Some believe it was built to learn about the movements of the sun and moon. Some believe it was a burial mound.



Archaeologist

Person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them.

Artefact

An object made by a human being.

Monument

Something built to remember an important person or event.

Site

An area of ground where a town, building or monument is built.

Flint

A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting.

Summer Solstice

Longest day.

Winter Solstice

Shortest day.

Tribes

A group of people that live together for protection.

Preserve

To keep something in good Condition.

Settlement

A place where a group of people live together in many Buildings.

Key periods

Important Time Periods

Stone Age – When the first humans began to live in Europe. They used stones as tools.

13,000BC



People make cave paintings.

4,500-3,500BC



Farming starts and begins to spread.

Bronze Age - In this era, metals were used to make hunting tools. Humans also began to farm land.

4,500-3,500BC



The first pottery is made and used.

4,000-3,000BC



People start to ride and use horses.

2,500BC



Metal starts to be used.

1,800BC



The first copper mines are dug.

1,200-800BC



Metal tools are made and used.

1,200-800BC



Tribal Kingdoms and Celtic culture.

Iron Age - Humans now used iron to make tools, and farmed land instead of hunting. They lived in communities.

	Era / Period	A length of time covering many years.	800-700BC	700-500BC	100BC
	Hill Fort	A settlement surrounded by a high wall, on top of a hill.	 The first hill forts are made.	 Iron is used a lot more than before.	 Coins are made and used for the first time.