

# Year 3 History

## What was life like in Stone Age Britain?

### Future learning

In Key Stage Two, you will continue learning about ancient civilisations and empires.

In Year 3, you will learn about The Ancient Egyptians, who lived in Egypt from approximately 7500 BC.

In Year 5, you will learn about The Ancient Romans and The Ancient Greeks, who were both ancient empires formed after The Stone Age.

### In this topic you will:

- Learn about the changes that took place in The Stone Age - a period of time, which covers over 3 million years.
- Learn about how some of the earliest humans lived and survived.
- Reflect on the way humans, who lived over 3 million years ago, have influenced modern society.

### A Timeline of this Period in History

<b>Around 300,000 BC</b>	<b>Start of The Palaeolithic Era</b> Early humans used simple stone tools with sharp edges.
<b>13,000BC</b>	People started to make cave paintings
<b>12,000 BC</b>	End of the Ice Age in Britain - first people started to settle
<b>Around 10,000 BC</b>	<b>Start of the Mesolithic Period</b> Humans were hunter-gatherers and constantly on the move in order to stay safe and warm.
<b>4500 BC</b>	Farming starts
<b>3700 BC</b>	Woolly Mammoth becomes extinct
<b>4000 BC</b>	<b>Start of the Neolithic Period</b> Around 4500-2400 BC. Farming developed and villages were built.
<b>3000 BC</b>	The building of Stonehenge begins - it will take around 1000 years to be finished. The village of Skara Brae is built.
<b>2200 BC</b>	Start of the Bronze Age.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Prehistoric</b>	A period of the past, which was before written records began.
<b>Ancient History</b>	Any period of history between the start of human civilisation and the fall of the ancient empires.
<b>Hunter-gatherer</b>	Someone who hunts animals and gathers wild food to eat.
<b>Woolly Mammoth</b>	A species of animal, which lived in The Stone Age, which is now extinct.
<b>Cave painting</b>	A prehistoric picture on the interior of a cave, often depicting animals.
<b>Flint</b>	A very hard stone that can produce a spark when struck by another stone.
<b>Spear</b>	A weapon with a pointed tip, typically of steel, and a long shaft, used for thrusting or throwing.
<b>Hammerstone</b>	A prehistoric hammering implement consisting of a rounded stone.
<b>Hand axe</b>	A prehistoric stone tool having one end pointed for cutting and the other end rounded for holding in the hand.