

# TRIBAL TALES

Year 6



## What should I already know?

- Anything left over from the past is a form of evidence: cave paintings, skeletons, structures left by previous civilisations.
- The major differences in the way of life between today and the past.
- Some significant events from within human history.

## What are the different ages?

<b>Stone Age</b>	The stone age is the name given to the earliest period of human culture when stone tools were first used.
<b>Bronze Age</b>	The bronze age is the time period when bronze replaced stone as the preferred materials for making tools and weapons.
<b>Iron Age</b>	The iron age is the time period when iron became the preferred choice of metal for making tools.

## Why is the Stone Age significant?

- 'Stone Age' refers to a very long period of time that we can break up into three sections. In the early Stone Age, which we call the Paleolithic, people were hunters and they found food by roaming from place to place in different seasons. The middle Stone Age, called the Mesolithic, began at a time when sea levels rose and Britain became an island (before this time Britain was joined to the mainland of Europe). During the Mesolithic period, tools were developed to become smaller. The invention of canoes meant that people were better able to hunt for fish as well as animals. In the late Stone Age, which is called the Neolithic, the way people lived changed a lot because they began to settle into farming villages instead of moving from place to place. People started to look after animals and grow their own crops.

## Why is the Bronze Age significant?

- When people discovered how to get metals out of rocks, a metal called bronze replaced stone as the best material for making tools. Bronze was made using a special process called 'smelting'. People were able to build better farming equipment and they also began to make bronze weapons and jewellery. When people died, they were buried with their most important possessions. Many of these burial objects have now been discovered and they help historians to know more about what life was like during the Bronze Age.

## Important Places

**Skara Brae** — Skara Brae is a stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the Bay of Skall on the west coast of Mainland, the largest island in the Orkney archipelago of Scotland.



**Stonehenge** — A prehistoric monument in Wiltshire, England. It consists of a ring of standing stones, with each standing stone around 13 feet high, 7 feet wide and weighing around 25 tons.



## Why is the Iron Age significant?

- In the Iron Age, a metal called iron replaced bronze as the main material for making tools and weapons. Iron Age people began to protect themselves by settling in hillforts, which were groups of round houses and farming land protected by stone walls. Sometimes people from the Iron Age are called 'Celts'. This period of history ended when the Romans invaded Britain in AD 43.