








# Year 3: Amazing Archaeologists



1. Terms	Definitions	2. Stone Age 450,000 – 2300 BC			Bronze Age 2300BC – 700BC	Iron Age 700BC – 43AD
<b>Prehistoric</b>	A time before history was written down.	Palaeolithic	Mesolithic	Neolithic		
<b>Age</b>	A long period of time in history.	Hunter gatherers moved from place to place	Tools were better and people made canoes.	People lived on farms. They grew crops and had animals.	They used bronze tools and made lots of weapons.	Iron tools made farming easier. People lived in tribes and built forts.
<b>BC/AD</b>	Before Christ and Anno Domini (BC means a time before Jesus was born, and AD means a time since Jesus was born).					
<b>Archaeologist</b>	A person who studies prehistory/history by excavating clues.					
<b>Hunter – gatherer</b>	People who hunted animals and gathered vegetables/ fruit.					
<b>Tribal Kingdoms</b>	A group of people led by a ruler.					
<b>Celts</b>	The people who lived in Britain during the Iron Age.					

## 5. What was life like in the Stone Age?

- It lasted for over 2 million years.
- Archaeologists** have found **artefacts** and historians use them to build a picture of the past. They don't always agree on sources. This is called **historical interpretation**.
- Tools** (arrows and axes) were made out of stone, mainly flint.
- They did not stay in the same place for long (**Nomads**)
- They gathered fruits, berries and killed animals to eat.

## 4. Skara Brae, Scotland



- Neolithic **settlement** (village)
- Made out of stone.
  - 8 houses joined by a low passageway.

## Stonehenge, England



- Built in the Neolithic Age,
- Probably built for religious ceremonies, to study the sun and the moon or for funerals.



## 3. What was life like in the Iron Age?

- Iron is tougher than bronze, so can make better weapons and tools.
- A king ruled the tribe (it was a **tribal kingdom**)
- Tribes would often fight each other.
- Tribes lived in **hillforts** to keep themselves safe, this was a **community**.
- Iron Age people believed in powerful spirits.
- Druids (priests) sacrificed animals and sometimes humans!
- During the Bronze Age, people began to farm, during the Iron Age people then also began to live in communities.

**A Hillfort**  
Families lived in **round houses**, which had a thatched roofs



Surrounded by walls and ditches to keep other tribes out. There is a hill fort at the **Malvern Hills** near Birmingham