



History

The Stone Age

Year 3

Term: 1

**Important Facts**

- The Stone Age happened thousands of years ago.
- This time is called the Stone Age because people alive then used mostly stone tools.
- They lived in caves or made shelters from trees, branches and animal skins.
- They gathered food such as berries, nuts and fruits.
- People started farming in Britain about 6000 years ago.
- Once farming started, people began to stay in one place for a long time (settle) rather than move about. They lived in settlements
- Settlements were good because they had more food but bad because people had fights about who owned the land and diseases spread more easily.
- 2700 years ago people in Britain started making objects from iron.
- Iron Age people in Britain were called the Celts.

**Key Dates**

800,000 BC earliest footprints in Britain  
 400,000 BC earliest hearth in Britain  
 10,000 BC end of the last Ice Age  
 3000 BC Stonehenge started  
 3000 BC Skara Brae built

2300 BC Bronze working introduced  
 1600 BC Stonehenge abandoned  
 1200 BC first hillforts  
 800 BC Ironworking introduced  
 120 BC coins introduced from Europe

**Skara Brae** is a stone-built Neolithic settlement, located on the Bay of Skail on the west coast of Scotland.

**Stonehenge** is 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.