

## Caroline Haslett Primary School – History

**Topic: Changes through the Stone Age**

**Year 3**

**Movement – Settlement/ Migration/Invasion**

### Knowledge

The Stone Age began when the first tools were made from stone and ended with the introduction of metal tools. It can be split into three significant periods:

**Palaeolithic, Neolithic and Mesolithic.**

At the end of the Ice Age, the sea levels rose and so Britain turned into an island. Humans survived by using sharp stone tools to kill animals, such as mammoths. Dead animals proved to be useful resources because they provided food to eat and skins to keep warm. Their bones were another useful material for making tools. Some people were hunters (found and killed animals for food) and some people were gatherers (collected other foods such as nuts and berries to supplement meals). People during this time are sometimes collectively referred to as **hunter-gatherers**.

Evidence of the Stone Age includes discoveries of:

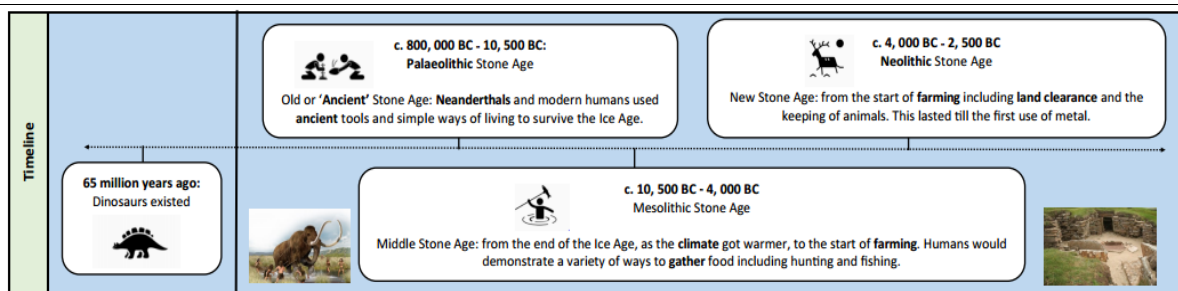
- cave paintings
- early tools such as **flints**
- **settlements** such as Skara Brae

At the same time in another part of the world was the Egyptian **civilisation** - the Egyptians were building the pyramids around the same time as the **Neolithic era**.

### Vocabulary

- **Agriculture** – the practice of farming, including soil for the growing of crops and the rearing of animals to provide food and wool.
- **Century** – a period of 100 years
- **Circa** – Latin meaning ‘around’. c. 800 BC means around 800 BC.
- **Civilisation** – a human society with its own social organisation and culture.
- **Farming** – when an area of land is used to produce crops or to breed animals and livestock.
- **Flint** – a piece of stone used in fire-starting and as a tool.
- **Gather** – collect things together
- **Hunter-gatherer** – collective name for people during the Stone Age.
- **Mesolithic** – Middle Stone Age
- **Migration** – movement from one place to another in order to settle there.
- **Neanderthal** – an early species of human being, now extinct
- **Neolithic** – New Stone Age
- **Palaeolithic** – Old or ‘ancient’ Stone Age.
- **Settler/ settlement** – people who migrate to a new place. When people start a community, this is a settlement.

### Timeline



### Stone Age Tools

