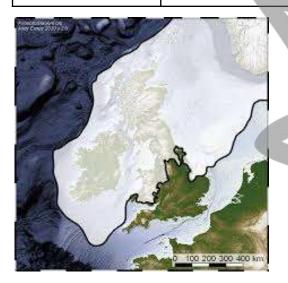
Knowledge Organiser - Stone Tools to Iron Rules

Key Vocabulary

| Prehistory | The time in history before written records |
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| Palaeolithic | |
| Mesolithic | The three eras of the Stone Age |
| Neolithic | |
| Archaeologist | A scientist who studies the past |



2.4 million years ago the planet was too cold for most humans to survive. This was called the ice age. Early humans were known as Homo Sapiens.

The Stone Age was a very long time that started with the first humans. In Britain, it began about 800,000 years ago. It's called the Stone Age because people used stone to make tools and weapons.

Why do you think the ice melted at the end of the Ice Age?



Palaeolithic people were very resourceful and didn't waste any part of the animals they hunted - they ate the meat and wore clothes made from animal skins to keep them warm.

Early people moved around to follow the animals they hunted. They would also forage for fruit and berries to eat.

As time moved on, they began to grow their own food and keep their own animals - these were the first farms.



What animals did humans raise in the Paleolithic era?

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Key Dates

| 800,000 B <i>C</i> | First people and the beginning of the Palaeolithic Era in Britain |
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| 10,000 BC | Palaeolithic Era ends and the Mesolithic Era begins |
| 4500 BC | Mesolithic Era ends and Neolithic Era Begins |
| 2400 BC | Bronze Age begins |
| 500 BC | Iron Age begins |
| 73AD | Romans invade Britain, ending the Iron Age |

The Stone Age ended when people learned how to make Bronze by mixing together two other metals. Bronze was lighter, easier to work with and stronger than stone. This new age was called the Bronze Age.

Skara Brae



Skara Brae was built as a permanent Neolithic settlement to provide shelter and a community for early farming people. Can you find out which two metals make Bronze?



Iron was stronger than bronze, so when people started making tools and weapons from iron, the old bronze tools were no longer used, and the Iron Age began.