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HISTORY: STONE AGE

Y3 AUTUMN TERM

KEY VOCABULARY:	
WORDS	MEANING
Archaeologist	someone who digs up remains of old societies
Artefact	an object left as evidence of life in an earlier time
BC(E)	Before Christ/Before Common Era
Domestication	keeping animals such as cattle, rather than having them completely wild
Flint and flint knapping	chipping flint into a usable shape
Homo sapiens	the type of human being that we are today
Hunter gatherer	a person who hunts and forages for food
Megaliths, henges, barrows, stone circles	Stone Age monuments
Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age)	a period of history from around 9500 bce until around 4000 bce
Neanderthal	an early species of human being
Neolithic (New Stone Age)	a period of history from around 4000 bce until around 2000 bce
Nomad	a person with no fixed home who travels around searching for food
Palaeolithic (Early Stone Age)	a period of history from early humans until around 9500 bce
Saddle quern	a stone for grinding corn around 9500 bce.

KEY KNOWLEDGE:
QUESTION 1: What was the Stone Age?
ANSWER The Stone Age was a time in history when early humans used tools and weapons made from stone. It lasted from when the first stone tools were made, by our ancestors, about 3.4 million years ago, until the introduction of metal tools a few thousand years ago. It is split into three periods: Palaeolithic (from the first use of stones until the end of the ice age); Mesolithic (from the end of the ice age until the start of farming) and Neolithic (from the start of farming until the first use of metal).
QUESTION 2: What was the Palaeolithic period?
ANSWER The Palaeolithic period (also known as the Early Stone Age) was when Britain was part of mainland Europe. The first humans probably arrived in Britain around 900,000 BC. Early Stone Age people lived in caves or very simple shelters. They made stone tools and survived by hunting and fishing.
QUESTION 3: What was the Mesolithic period?
ANSWER The Mesolithic period (also known as the Middle Stone Age) is thought to have been between 9500 BC and 4000 BC. During the Middle Stone Age Britain was linked to Europe by a strip of land called the Doggerland. People in Britain began to set up camps along the British coast and river banks. Hunters worked in teams using spears, bows and arrows.



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QUESTION 4: What was the Neolithic period?

ANSWER

The Neolithic period (also known as the New Stone Age) is thought to have been between 4000 BC and 2000 BC. Britain became an island at the start of the period. People learned to farm. They cleared large areas of land and settled in small communities. Neolithic people used flint, antler and bone to make tools and developed the skill of making clay pots.

SUGGESTED WEBSITES TO FIND OUT MORE:

www.bbc.co.uk/education/topics/282hsbk

www.dkfindout.com/uk/histpry/stone-age