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I already know...

History can be divided into two parts - within living memory and beyond living memory.



YEAR 3 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER 'EARLY HUMANS'

I will learn:

The Stone Age

- It was a very long time ago.
- It has been split into three periods of time:
 - Paleolithic (Pre-history Stone Age)
 - Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age)
 - Neolithic (New Stone Age)
- People were hunter-gatherers and nomadic until they began farming: looking after animals and growing crops.

The Bronze Age

- Bronze was used instead of stone (flints) to make tools and weapons.
- Bronze was made by smelting copper and tin.
- People were buried with their most important possessions.

The Iron Age

- Iron was used instead of bronze to make tools and weapons as its shape could be changed.
- Settlements grew bigger and tribes were formed, living in hillforts for protection.
- Hillforts were often attacked and raided by other tribes
- Eventually the Romans invaded.

Skara Brae, Scotland



- Well - preserved Stone Age village in Orkney, Scotland
- One room in each of the 8 houses made of stone

Stonehenge, England



- Famous Stone Age monument located in Wiltshire.
- Circle of very large stones standing upright
- Some people believe it was built to learn about the movements of the Sun and Moon. Some people believe it was a burial ground.

Sources

We can use these sources to find out about the prehistoric world:



artefacts



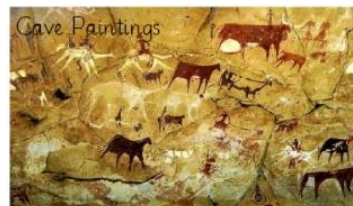
monuments



cave paintings



burial sites



Bronze Tools

Key Vocabulary	
Agriculture	The practise of growing crops and rearing animals
Archaeologist	A person who studies the past by looking at artefacts and remains.
Artefact	An object made by a human being
Bronze	A metal made of copper and tin
Celts	Group of people who lived in Britain during the Iron Age
Flint	A stone which can be used to make tools or weapons and when struck together creates fire.
Gathering	Collecting food which can be found eg. berries and nuts
Hillfort	A settlement built on a hill surrounded by a protective fence
Hunting	The killing of animals for food
Iron	A strong, hard magnetic silvery-grey metal
Nomads/ Nomadic	A person who travels from place to place to search for food.



Hillfort



Flint