

STONE AGE

ANCIENT EGYPT

ANCIENT GREECE

CELTS

ROMANS

12,000 BC +
Early Stone
Age

12,000 - 4500 BC
Middle Stone
Age

4500 - 2500 BC
Late Stone Age

2500 - 800 BC
Bronze Age

800 BC - 43 AD
Iron Age

43 AD
The Romans

The **STONE AGE** is called the Stone Age because it is a time when humans first started to make tools and weapons using stone.

STONE AGE TOOLS AND WEAPONS

During the Stone Age, people made simple hand-axes out of stone and wood. They made hammers from bones or antlers and they sharpened sticks to use as hunting spears. Later, they used bows and arrows and spears tipped with flint or bone.

Stone Age people cut up their food with sharpened stones and cooked it on a fire.



HUNTER-GATHERERS

The Middle Stone Age in Britain began around 12000 BC at the end of the last Ice Age. During this period, humans were hunter-gatherers and had to catch or find everything they ate.



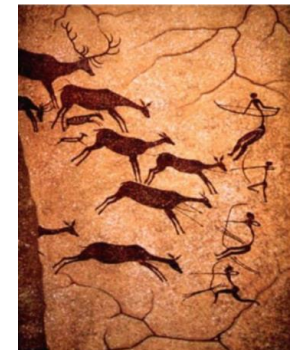
STONE AGE BRITAIN

STONE AGE ANIMALS

During the Ice Ages, herds of mammoths, reindeer and woolly rhinoceroses roamed across the snow and brown bears sheltered in caves.

After the last Ice Age, the British climate became very similar to how it is today. The forests were full of foxes and red squirrels. Wolves and bears lived in the hills.

Stone Age people drew and painted images of everyday life on the inside of caves. These have survived for thousands of years and are called Cave Paintings .



EARLY FARMERS

During the last part of the Stone Age, people began to settle down in one place and to farm. These early farmers chopped down trees so they could grow crops and vegetables. They kept cattle, sheep and pigs.

STONE AGE HOUSES

People in the Stone Age built their houses out of stone and straw, usually in the shape of a circle with a fire in the centre to keep warm. These are now known as Round Houses.

