



Knowledge Organiser

Learning Journey: Scavengers and Settlers



The Stone Age

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Historians categorise prehistory into three time periods – the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. As their name implies, these periods are characterised by the tool- making technologies available at the time. The Stone Age lasted approximately 3 million years and ended between 6000 and 2000 BCE (Before Christian Era) when humans moved from basic stone tools to smelting copper and then bronze.

How did they live in the Stone Age?

- The life during the Stone Age was very simple.
- The humans had only two things to do:
- Gather food
- Protect themselves from wild animals
- They built stone tools for both these purposes.
- They always kept moving while looking for food.
- While on the move, they lived in caves and built temporary camps in plains to stay.
- Some stone age people lived in caves, in huts/tepees, shelters built using animal bones and towards the end in more permanent shelters.
- So, the people in Stone Age had dangerous and active lives.

Cave Paintings

- Painting animals on cave walls was very common during the Stone Age.
- Paintings were made deep inside the caves and not where the people lived, because flickering fire-light could have created the illusion that these paintings were real animals.

The famous cave paintings at Lascaux in France are 18,000 years old.

KEY TERMINOLOGY

Archaeologist-A person who studies prehistory

Artefacts-an object made by a human beings in the past

Bronze Age-The Bronze Age is a historical period characterized by the use of bronze .

Historian - a person who studies history.

Hunter-gatherer-people who move around to hunt and gather food at different times of the year

Iron age-The Iron Age was a period in human history that started between 1200 B.C. and 600 B.C. and followed the Stone Age and Bronze Age. During the Iron Age, people across much of Europe, Asia and parts of Africa began making tools and weapons from iron and steel.

Prehistory-time before written records.

Preserve- Keep an object safe from loss

Stone age-a prehistoric period when weapons and tools were made out of stone or from materials such as bone, wood, or horn.

Tools-a device or implement, especially one held in the hand, used to carry out a particular

