



# The Bronze Age and the Iron Age

## Knowing More, Remembering More

Remembering previous learning

What are some key differences between the periods of the Stone Age, and why do you think these changes happened? Changes between these periods happened because people learned new skills and tools, like farming, which made their lives better and different. How do historians use evidence to learn about life in Neolithic times, and what can we say about family life back then compared to today? Historians and archaeologists study old tools, buildings, and artifacts like those found at Skara Brae to understand Neolithic life. Families in Neolithic times lived in small villages, farming and caring for animals together. Today, families are similar but live in bigger communities with modern homes and technology.

What were some important things that people learned to do during the Stone Age, and do you think they got much better at living back then? During the Stone Age, people learned to make tools, hunt animals, and grow food. They got much better at surviving and living together.

## Key learning steps

- Understand the importance of the improvements made by using bronze.
- Use sources in order to find out more about Bronze Age life.
- Reach a conclusion about the scale of the achievements made in the Iron Age.
- Make a comparison between home life in the Bronze Age and the Iron Age.
- Understand the dangers faced in Bronze and Iron Age Britain.
- Reach an overall judgement comparing the Bronze Age to the Iron Age.

## In this unit, children will develop these skills:

- 3.1 Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history. Establish clear narratives within and across the periods they study. Understand overview and depth.
- 3.2 Develop chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of British, local and world history.
- 3.7 Understand how and why different interpretations of the past have been constructed.
- 3.9 Understand how our knowledge of the past is constructed from a range of sources.

## Key vocabulary:

Impressive, smelting, bronze, hoard, ore, mould, period, status, beaker, archer, evidence, interpretations, radiocarbon dating, DNA testing, beliefs, afterlife, torc, inference, marine archaeology, persuasive argument, technology, tribe, viewpoint, wattle and daub, roundhouses, crannog, broch, ingot, hill fort

## Historical Figures:



Julius Caesar



Amesbury Archer



The Lindisfarne Man

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Knowing more in Y3

When did the Bronze Age happen and why was it important? The Bronze Age started about 4,000 years ago. People began using bronze, which is a mix of copper and tin, to make stronger tools and weapons. This helped them farm better, build stronger homes, and protect themselves, which made life easier and safer!

How do we know what life was like in the Bronze Age?

We can learn about the Bronze Age by looking at things people left behind, like tools, weapons, and graves. The Amesbury Archer was an important person buried with lots of treasures, like a bow, arrows, and golden items. This shows us that people in the Bronze Age had skilled jobs, like making things from metal, and it tells us they believed in life after death!

What was special about the Iron Age and why do people have different ideas about it?

The Iron Age was when people started using iron for tools and weapons, making life easier. People have different ideas about the Iron Age because we don't know everything, and different sources tell us different things!

How were homes in the Bronze Age and Iron Age different, and which time do you think was better to live in?

In the Bronze Age, houses were round and made of wood and mud, while in the Iron Age, homes were stronger, often made of stone. People might think the Iron Age was better because the houses were tougher.

What dangers did people in the Bronze and Iron Ages face, and how did they stay safe?

People in the Bronze and Iron Ages had to deal with dangers like wild animals, enemies, and harsh weather. They built strong homes, forts, and used weapons to protect themselves. It was a dangerous time, but they found clever ways to stay safe!

What was life like in the Bronze and Iron Ages, and which do you think was more impressive?

In the Bronze Age, people made things with bronze, farmed, and traded. In the Iron Age, they used iron for better tools and built stronger homes. Some might say the Iron Age was more impressive because their tools and weapons were stronger, but both times were amazing in their own way!

