

The Knowledge

Supporting the National Curriculum



Knowing More

Remembering More

Learning More

Through the ages



ARDLEIGH GREEN
JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 3
History

Key Dates

Stone Age:

- Palaeolithic
- Mesolithic
- Neolithic

c750,000 – c10,000 bc

c10,000 – c4000 bc

c4000 – c2500 bc

Bronze Age:

c2500 – c800 bc

Iron Age:

c800 bc - AD43

Stone Age

Tools and weapons: Tools were made from stone, wood and bone. They were used for digging, hunting and chopping.

Everyday life: People were hunter-gatherers. They followed and killed animals and gathered seasonal food. They made clothes from animal skins and created cave art.

End of the Stone Age: The Beaker folk arrived from Europe and brought their knowledge of metalworking to Britain.

Bronze Age

Tools and weapons: Tools were sharper, stronger and more efficient than stone tools. Bronze tools were owned by the wealthy.

Everyday life: The Beaker folk brought their knowledge of metalworking and pottery making Britain. Bronze tools made farming more efficient, so there was more food and the population grew.

End of the Bronze Age: People stopped using metal during a time called the Bronze Age collapse

Iron Age

Tools and weapons: Tools and weapons were sharp and strong. Everyone could own iron tools and weapons, not just the wealthy.

Everyday life: Iron tools made farming more efficient and iron weapons were available to everyone. Tribes attacked each other to steal their land, food and possessions.

End of the Iron Age: The Romans invaded and conquered Britain in AD 43. They created written records, so this event ended the prehistory in Britain.

Test Yourself

- How did people live in the Stone Age?
- What were the tools and weapons like in the Bronze age?
- How did the Iron Age end?
- What was prehistory?

Key Vocabulary

- **Archaeologist:** Someone who studies artefacts
- **Artefact:** An object made by a person that is of historical interest.
- **Beaker folk:** A group of people who travelled from Europe at the beginning of the Bronze Age and brought metal working and pottery making skills to Britain.
- **Bronze:** A metal alloy made by mixing copper and tin.
- **Celts:** A group of people who travelled from Europe and brought their ironworking skills to Britain.