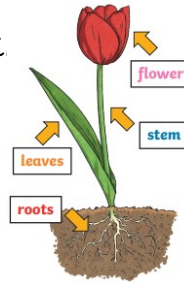


Through the Ages**What should I already know?**

- A settlement is a place where people live and work.
- Artefacts are things that are made by people and can be used to tell us about the past.
- Dinosaurs became extinct around 65 million years ago.
- Timelines are used to order events and times chronologically.
- Aspects of everyday life from the past such as houses, jobs and objects may be similar or different to those used today.
- What climate means and an example of it.

**Linked Science knowledge for the topic****Plants**

- Plants need air, light, water, minerals from the soil and room to grow in order to survive.
- Different plants have different needs depending on their habitat.
- Roots- anchor the plant to the ground and transport water and minerals.
- Leaves- collect energy from the sun and make food for the plant.
- Flowers- make seeds to produce new plants.

**Vocabulary**

<b>Ancient</b>	Something that is very old
<b>Archaeologist</b>	Someone who looks for evidence from the past.
<b>Artefact</b>	An object that made by a person that is of historical interest.
<b>Beaker folk</b>	A group of people who travelled from Europe at the beginning of the Bronze Age and brought metalworking and pottery making skills to Britain.
<b>Bronze</b>	A metal alloy made by mixing copper and tin.
<b>Celts</b>	A group of people who travelled from Europe and brought Iron working skills to Britain.
<b>Flint</b>	A very hard stone used to make tools
<b>Hillfort</b>	A settlement built on a hill that is protected by ditches and fences.
<b>Hunter Gatherer</b>	A term used to describe Stone Age people before they started farming.
<b>Prehistory</b>	The time before written records were created.
<b>Prehistoric</b>	Animal, place, person, or thing that existed before written records.
<b>Sacrifice</b>	A person or animals that has been killed and offered to a God or Gods.

**By the end of the topic we will be able to...**

Create and information page or quiz for the year 4 children to check what they have remembered about the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. Discuss how everyday life, settlements and tools changed throughout the different ages and why these developed.

Prehistory in Britain started c750,000 BC, when several species of humans arrived from Europe. Prehistory is divided into three main periods, the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. Each period is named after the main material used to make tools at that time.

Stone Age			Bronze Age	Iron Age
<b>Palaeolithic</b> c750,000–c10,000 BC Duration: 740,000 years	<b>Mesolithic</b> c10,000–c4000 BC Duration: 6000 years	<b>Neolithic</b> c4000–c2500 BC Duration: 1500 years	c2500–c800 BC Duration: 1700 years	c800 BC–AD 43 Duration: 843 years

## Stone Age

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

**Everyday life** – Stone Age people were hunter-gatherers. They followed and killed animals and gathered seasonal food. They made clothes from animal skins and created cave art.

**Settlements** – People lived in temporary shelters or caves in the Palaeolithic. People lived in more permanent settlements in the Neolithic.



**Beliefs** – People built monuments, including stone circles, henges and earthworks. Historians believe that they used these monuments for gatherings and worship.

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

## Bronze Age

**Tools and weapons** – Bronze 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 to Britain. Bronze tools made farming more efficient, so there was more food and the population grew.

**Settlements** – People lived in permanent settlements, in roundhouses. They used walls and fences to protect their homes.



**Beliefs** – People were buried with objects, including Bell Beaker pottery, to use in the afterlife. They threw weapons and objects into rivers as offerings to the gods.

**End of the Bronze Age** – People stopped using metal during a time called the Bronze Age collapse.

## Iron Age

**Tools and weapons** – Iron 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. People created art, music and poetry.

**Settlements** – People lived in hillforts surrounded by ditches and fences to stop attacks from enemy tribes. People lived in roundhouses inside the hillfort and farmed the land outside.



**Beliefs** – Priests called druids led worship. Humans were sacrificed as offerings to the gods. People threw votive offerings into rivers and lakes.

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

