Stone Age

Bronze Age

Iron Age

Palaeolithic

Mesolithic

Neolithic

500 000 BC

10 000 BC

4000 BC

3000 BC

800 BC

AD 43

Palaeolithic

Early Stone Age people lived in caves and relied on hunting and gathering to survive.

They used sharpened sticks and stones.

They used animal skins to make clothes and shelters.





Mesolithic

Middle Stone Age people started to live in tipi style houses made with sticks and leaves.

They still relied on hunting and gathering to get food. They also fished.





Neolithic

New Stone Age people lived in wooden or stone houses in small villages.

They had farms with animals and crops.

They used bone and antlers to make farming and building tools.







Bronze Age - 3000BC - 800BC

People discovered how to make bronze out of copper and tin rocks.

Bronze tools and weapons were stronger than stone, which helped with farming.

They lived in larger homes, with more than one building for living and cooking.

Many people lived in roundhouses.

People began wearing wool clothing.

Historians believe people worshipped gods, like a sun and water god.







Iron Age - 800BC - AD43

People discovered how to make iron.

Iron tools and weapons were even stronger than bronze.

They lived in larger and better roundhouses. They even had feather mattresses with wool blankets.

People were still farmers and lived in settlements on hills to provide protection. These hillforts were ruled by chiefs.

People started to dye clothing using plants and ground up rocks.

