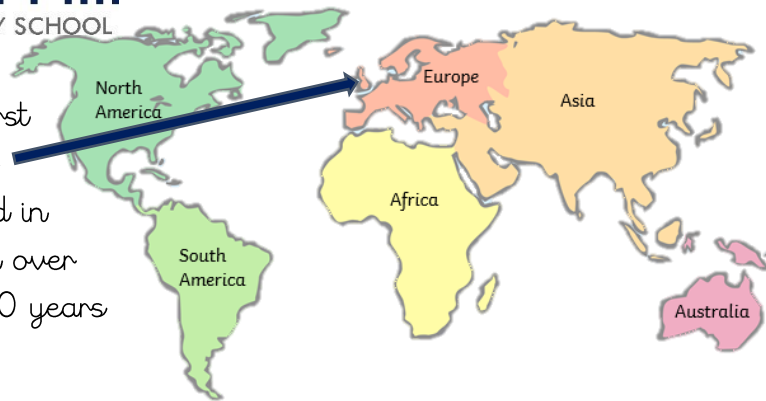
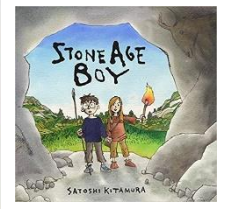
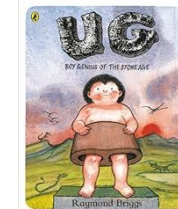
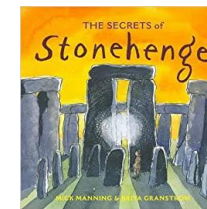
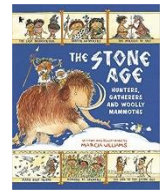
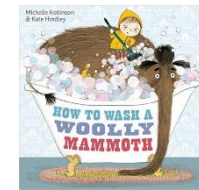


The first people arrived in Britain over 700,000 years ago.



Books to keep an eye out for...



Key Vocabulary



Neolithic Man



Neolithic Woman



mammoth



fur pelt



house



cave paintings

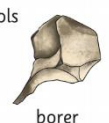


Skara Brae

Found on the Orkney Islands off the north of Scotland, Skara Brae is a one of Britain's most fascinating prehistoric villages.



handaxe



borer



antler

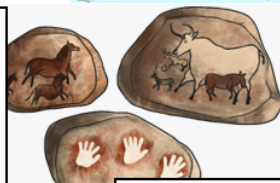


hammerstone



15,000 – 10,000BC

The Lascaux Cave in France are thought to contain some of the oldest cave paintings. The paintings (and engravings) mainly depict animals but no one is sure of the original purpose behind them. They may have been part of religious rituals, representations of everyday life, used to mark or record the passing of time, or as some sort of calendar; part of superstitious behaviour relating to hoping for a good hunt.

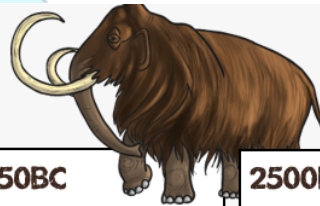


4,500 – 3,500BC

People begin to make simple pottery and farming starts to spread.

3750BC

Woolly mammoths start to die out. Until their extinction woolly mammoths were hunted by early humans for their meat and warm pelts.



2500BC

The stone age comes to an end as people start to use metal rather than just wood, stone, bone and animal skins. The Bronze Age begins.

10,000BC

5,000BC

4,000BC

3,000BC

2,000BC

15,000 – 10,000BC

Animal hide is used to make tents. An example from this period has been found in France.

8,200BC

The last 'land bridge' from Lincolnshire and East Anglia to Holland is taken over by salt marsh, eventually, by around 6,000BC it disappears altogether and is taken over by sea water. This water is a result of the great ice sheets from the last ice age thawing.

4,000 – 3,000BC

People start to domesticate and ride horses. Before this, people could only travel by foot.



3,500 – 3,350BC

The earliest well-dated image of a wheeled vehicle (a wagon) dates from this period. It was discovered on a clay pot found in Poland.

STONE AGE TIMELINE