

## TERMS Key Vocabulary

<b>Civilisation</b>	A developed society.
<b>BC/AD</b>	BC – Any dates before the birth of Jesus. AD – Any dates after the birth of Jesus
<b>Flint</b>	A hard rock that can be used to make tools and weapons
<b>Hunter</b>	A person who hunted animals for food
<b>Gatherer</b>	A person who collected nuts, berries, edibles plants.
<b>Prehistoric</b>	Time before recorded history
<b>Stone Age</b>	A time when humans used stone based tools
<b>Skara Brae</b>	Archeological Stone Age site it Orkney, Scotland
<b>Stone Henge</b>	Stone Age monument in Wiltshire, England
<b>Homo Habilis</b>	The first human ancestors to make tools

# Year 3 Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term

## The Stone Age



### COMPARE Similarities and Differences

- **Houses:** They begin living in caves, then developed tents, before creating permanent stone structures to live in.
- **Food:** Food would have been hunted and gathered from the local area before farming began in the Neolithic era.
- **Writing:** No official form of writing but they created cave paintings
- **Buildings:** Stone Henge and Skara Brae
- **Way of life:** Early life would have meant a lot of travelling before eventually settling in permanent structures in the Neolithic era
- **Tools:** Would have all been made from stone, wood or bones as they were the most readily available resource
- **Animals:** Many Stone Age animals are now extinct such as the sabre-tooth tiger, the woolly mammoth and the woolly rhino

### SOURCES How We know about the Stone Age

- Cave paintings have been found around the world.
- Artefacts have been found in various sites
- Archaeologists study cave sites and the few remaining settlements.
- Building such as Stonehenge have been studied
- Skara Brae is one of the best preserved Stone Age villages in the world.





## CHRONOLOGY How long did the Stone Age last?

- The Stone Age began in approximately 3.3million years ago
- The Paleolithic era began (The Old Stone Age) dates from approximately 11,650 years ago
- The Mesolithic era (The Middle Stone Age) began approximately 10,000 BC to 2,000 BC
- The Neolithic era (The New Stone Age) began approximately 8,000 BC – 3,000BC
- The Stone Age led to the Bronze age from approximately 3,000BC to 1,200 BC
- It is important to remember these periods overlapped depending on regions and there was no step-by-step changes that took place.

## Extra Facts

- No one will really know what the cave paintings symbolise!
- It is suspected that fire was 'invented' by accident
- Animals were used for more than just meat, other uses include tent poles, needles, clothing, jewellery and bedding.
- They would have played musical instruments such as flutes and drums.
- Dogs were the first wild animals to be domesticated

