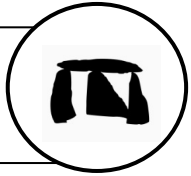


These periods of time are known as **prehistory**

Only objects, burials and monuments tell us about life at that time



### Mesolithic Britain

#### MIDDLE STONE AGE

Hunting and gathering became more sophisticated and communities are thought to have started to become established.

### Palaeolithic Britain

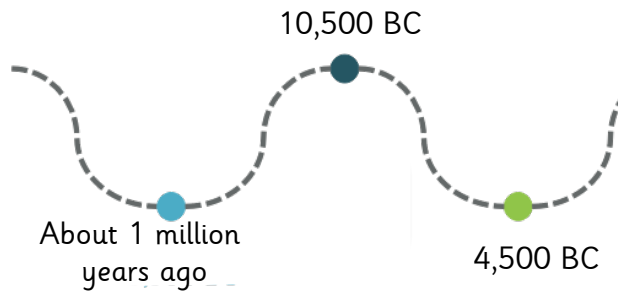
#### ANCIENT STONE AGE

Neanderthals and modern humans used ancient tools to survive the Ice Age.

### Neolithic Britain

#### NEW STONE AGE

New Stone Age: from the start of farming and domestication of animals, to the first use of metal.



### Palaeolithic



Palaeo (**ancient**) + lithic (**stone**)  
people arrived in Britain about **1 million years ago**

Ice Age - very cold - **nomads**  
temporary homes - follow food

### Mesolithic



Meso (**middle**) + lithic (**stone**)  
About **10,500 BC**

Britain became an island  
warmer

hunter-gatherers - **settlements**

### Neolithic

Neo (**new**) + lithic (**stone**)

**4,000 BC**



Stonehenge



farming



**domestication**



settlements

**technology**

stone tools  
|  
flint knapping

**people**

- Neanderthals
- Homo sapiens (us)
- Small groups of people
- Cheddar man

**places**

- Cresswell Crags
- Skara Brae
- Stonehenge

**culture**

Neolithic burials in large tombs - **long barrows**  
cave art

It is called the **Stone Age** because people used stones as their tools.