

Thorndown Primary School—History

Topic: What changes occurred from the Stone Age to the Bronze Age in Europe?

Year: 3

What should I already know?

Dinosaurs lived a very long time ago and are now extinct.

Mary Anning is famous for finding fossils.

What will I know by the end of the unit?

Farming, Trade and Economy:

Key Vocabulary:

Trade— the business of exchanging items eg. wood for corn

Hunting — the need to hunt animals for food

Dwellings— a place to shelter, sometimes temporary

Nomads—people who move from place to place

In the Stone Age nomadic people hunted and gathered to survive. They built temporary dwellings from animal skins, bones, sticks and stones; and used the natural environment for shelter eg. caves.

By the Bronze Age people had started to settle and live in groups. They used their resources to trade.

Technology and Inventions

Key Vocabulary:

Fire— used for warmth, light and cooking

Flint— a type of rock which can be shaped and sharpened

Spear—used to hunt animals

Axe—used to cut wood

Clothing— skinning an animal and attaching them to create an item to wear

Farming—groups of people settled and grew crops near their dwellings.

Log boat— trees were felled and carved out to make simple boats

Stone Age man discovered fire. They used natural resources to make effective tools eg. sharpening flint. Clothes were made from hunting animals and using their skins.

In the Iron Age people settled and created farms to grow their own crops.

In the Bronze Age, people started to travel and trade. There are Bronze Age log boats at Flag Fen near Peterborough.

Settlements and Invasions:

Palaeolithic home—Early Stone Age dwelling

Mesolithic home—Middle Stone age dwelling

Neolithic home— Late Stone Age dwelling

During the Stone Age dwellings developed from temporary shelters to log huts with roofs.

Arts and Culture:

Cave paintings— used to depict everyday life

Charcoal and chalk - used to draw with

Stone Age man used charcoal and chalk to draw hunting scenes and animals of the time.