

The Bronze Age 2500 BC – 800 BC

- A period of time, with no written records, where early humans made tools from **bronze**.
- The **Bronze** Age in Britain lasted around 1500 years.
- The **Bronze** Age started at different times in different countries. People travelled to other countries and brought skills, tools and knowledge with them.
- The use of **bronze** was brought to Britain around 2100 BC.
- **Bronze** was used for tools, weapons, armour and building materials.



Stonehenge, completed during the **Bronze** Age.



Houses	Land
• Rectangular thatched buildings made from timber with walls of wattle and daub. • 6-10 people would live together. • From 1500 BC, roundhouses were more common.	• Farming was a big part of life. • People moved from the hills to the valleys where it was easier to grow food.
	Weapons
	• Daggers, blades, spearheads, chisels, axes and armour could all now be made out of bronze which was harder and more durable than stone. 

Key Events	
2500-1500 BC	The Bell Beaker Culture arrived in Britain.
2500-800 BC	Metalwork became more and more sophisticated - axes, daggers and spearheads.
1200-800 BC	Celtic culture and tribal kingdoms start to emerge.
800 BC	The Bronze Age came to an end and the Iron Age began.

Key Vocabulary	
Bronze	A type of metal made from copper and tin to make it harder and more durable.
Copper	A soft metal, when added to tin, is made stronger.
Wattle and daub	The building material of a house made from sticks (wattle) and clay, straw or manure (daub)
Culture	A shared way of life and beliefs that a group of people have in common.
Archaeology	The study of old things that people made, used and left behind to learn about how people lived in the past.
Tools	Is something you use to help you do a job or make something. Eg a hammer to hit a nail or scissors to cut.
Weapons	Is an object used to hurt, defend or fight someone or something, helping people to hunt, protect themselves or in battle.
Artifact	Anything made or changed by humans (a tool, pot or jewellery) that helps us learn about people in the past.