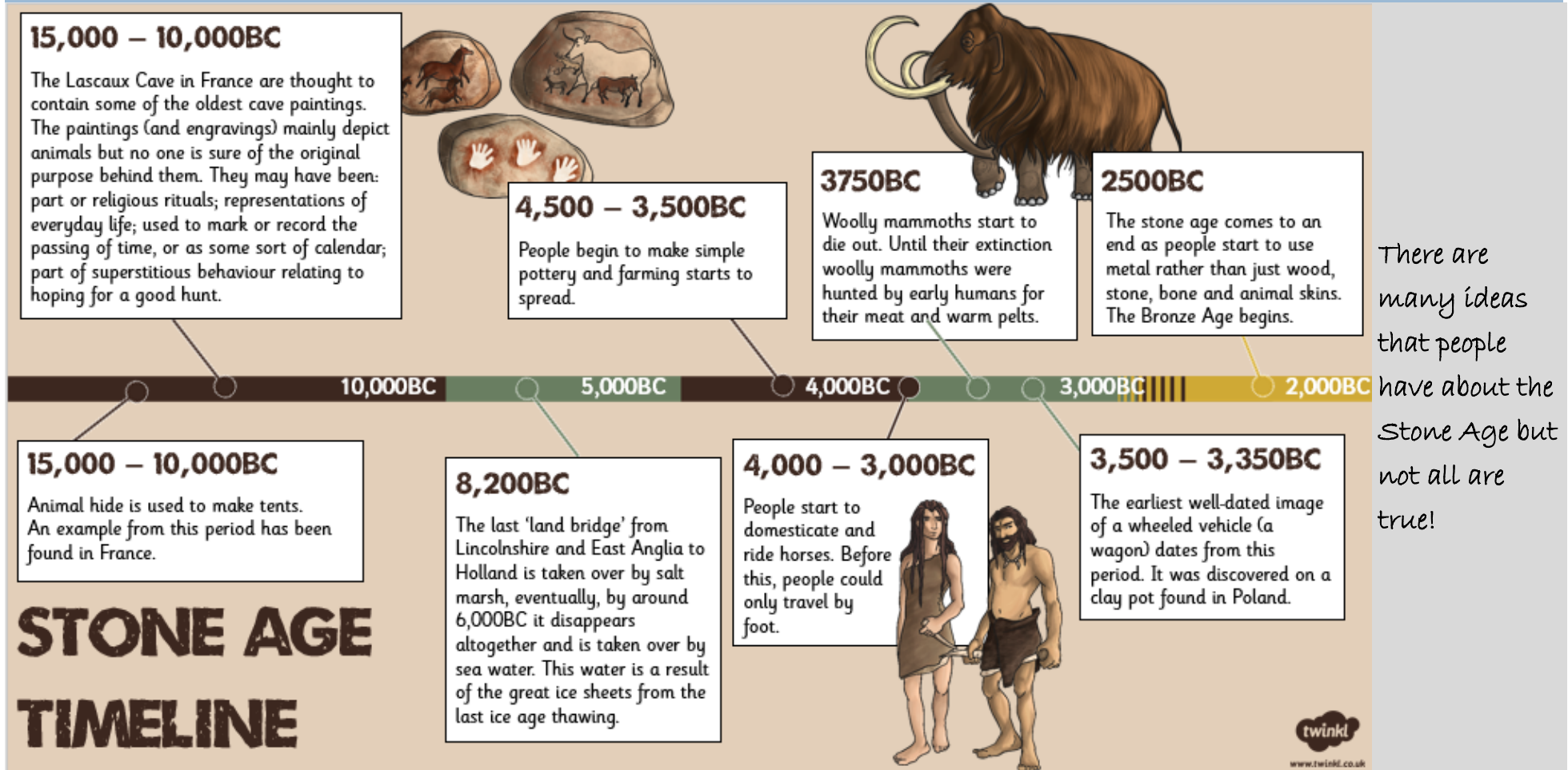


# How did the lives of ancient Britons change during the Stone Age?



There are many ideas that people have about the Stone Age but not all are true!

The Stone Age was a period of time when humans used stone to make tools. It covers a huge period of time, over 3 million years.

This time can be broken down into three, smaller time periods:

Palaeolithic - around 3,000,000 BC. Early humans used simple stone tools with sharp edges.

Mesolithic - around 10,000 BC. Humans were hunter-gatherers and constantly on the move in order to stay safe and warm.

Neolithic - around 4500 - 2400 BC. Farming developed and villages were built.

Crops

Plants or plant products, grown to food, fuel and clothing.

Livestock

Farm animals.

Farming

To grow crops and raise animals.

Agriculture

Farming- prepare land, harvest crops, raise livestock.

Artefacts

An object made, used or changed by humans and give us information about life in the past.

Settlements

A place where people live.

Evidence

Information or an object that proves something is true.

Nomadic

Moving around from place to place, not living in one place.



bone  
harpoon  
tips



a large  
flint hand  
axe



a flint axe  
head

In the beginning, Stone Age people were nomadic, moving from place to place to find food and survive.

There is evidence they were skilled at fishing and crafts. They had to hunt and gather food; find water and shelter; skin animals and make clothes; collect firewood for making fires to cook on and keep warm; make tools and weapons.

For most of the Stone Age period their lives stayed the same, living a nomadic life, but near the end there was one of the biggest changes in British history with permanent settlements and agriculture.