

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

The Stone Age was a period in time when the best material humans had was stone. They used stone to make all their tools.

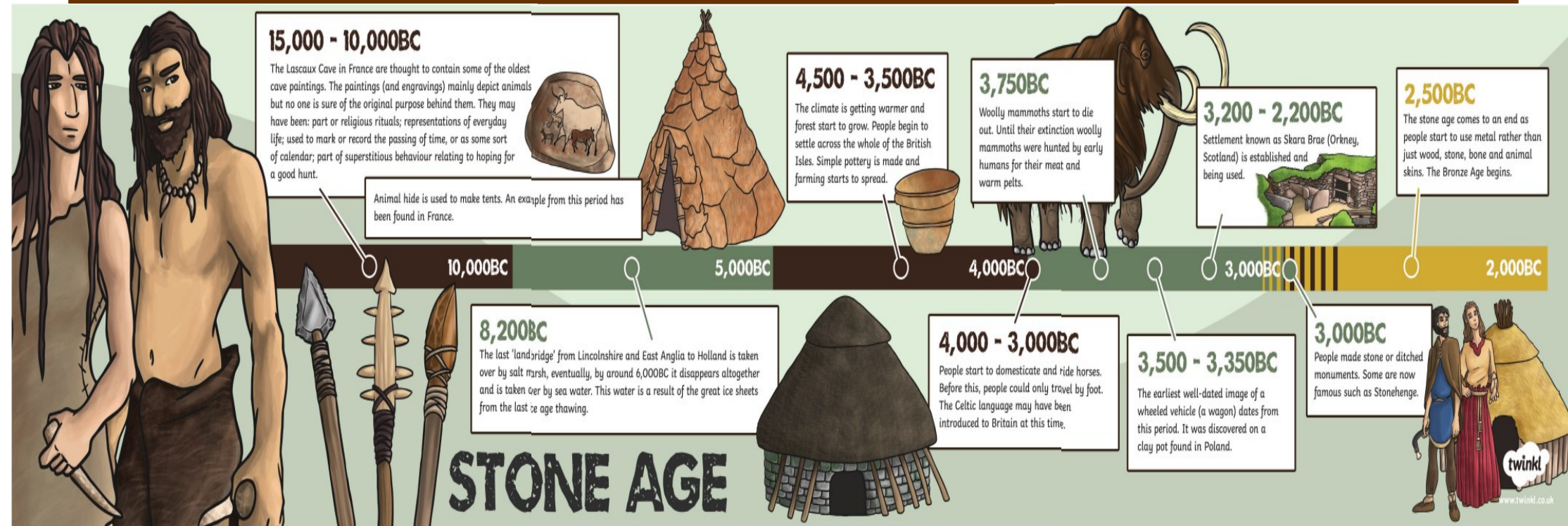
The Stone Age was a huge period of time, covering over 3 million years!

The Stone Age is broken up into 3 smaller time periods:

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

Mesolithic: around 10,000,000 BC. Humans were hunter-gatherers. They moved a lot to keep safe and warm.

Neolithic: around 4,500 BC—2,400 BC. People began farming and villages started to be built.



Artefact An object made by humans that gives us information about a certain period in time.

Prehistoric Very old! Something that comes from a time before written records.

Settlement A place where people live.

Agriculture Farming– preparing land, growing crops, raising animals.

Livestock Farm animals.

Nomadic Moving around from place to place. Not living in the same place forever.

Archaeologist A person who studies history by analysing artefacts and evidence.



Bone harpoon tips



Flint hand axe



Flint axe head

At the beginning of the Stone Age people were nomadic. They had to keep moving to find food and safety.

By the end of the Stone Age people began to farm and create permanent homes and communities, called settlements.