Society

Year 3 Autumn 2

How much did life change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?

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Hidden Figure – Faith Vatcher



Faith led excavations at several prehistoric sites in southern England, including several in the Stonehenge landscape.

Key historical concepts

- Significance
- Chronology

Key Learning

- Early humans used simple stone tools to survive and were hunter-gatherers who travelled around to find food.
- Farming began around 4,000BC, which lead to the first permanent human settlements.
- Stonehenge was built during this time, using large stones which were moved from Wales to Wiltshire using logs. This would have been a huge effort for people at the time.
- Historians are not certain about why Stonehenge was built but many speculate that it was for religious purposes or for tracking the seasons.
- The Bronze Age signified a shift from using stone tools and weapons to bronze. People also began to trade bronze and other goods.
- Eventually, humans transitioned to using Iron tools because they were stronger and easier to make.
- During the Iron Age, tribes lived in settlements and had leaders. Many tribes lived on hill forts which were built for protection.

Key vocabulary

hunter-gatherer	A person who hunts animals and gathers plants for food.
Neolithic	The new Stone Age, when farming began and people settled in villages.
bronze	A metal made from copper and tin, used for making weapons.
iron	A strong metal used for making tools, weapons and other objects.
hill fort	A settlement built on a hill, often with defences like walls and ditches.



Timeline

2.5 million years ago	Early humans start using simple stone tools
900,000 years ago	First evidence of humans in Britain
4000BC	Farming begins in Britain. The Neolithic period begins.
3100BC	Construction of Stonehenge begins
2300BC	Bronze tools and weapons are introduced in Britain. The Bronze Age begins.
800BC	Iron tools and weapons are introduced. The Iron Age begins.

Big Ideas – Our Learning Journey

Year 1/2

Society – Toys, Great Fire of London, Rosa Parks, The moon landing

Year 3/4

Society – Stone Age to Iron Age, Ancient Egyptians, Romans, Anglo-Saxons, Ancient Greece

Year 5/6

Society – Islamic Empire, Black Britons, Benin's Kingdom, Salisbury in WWI, Crime & Punishment

