



- The Stone Age is the name given to the earliest period of human **civilisation** when stone tools were first used.
- The Stone Age started around 3.5 Million years ago and ended in approximately 2300 BC.
- During the Stone Age, people were **settlers** who kept **migrating** (moving from one place to another) in search of food.
- They stayed in caves where they cooked meat and drew art on the walls.



- They made camps from wood and animal skins. During the early Stone Age, the humans were **hunter-gatherers**, meaning they hunted animals and gathered wild fruits and nuts for food.
- They first used long, sharp sticks. Later, they made bows and arrows and spears with tips made of bones and flints and they also discovered farming.
- They grew wheat, barley, and maize.



The Stone Age is divided into three different periods:

- o Palaeolithic or Old Stone Age
- o Mesolithic or Middle Stone Age
- o Neolithic or New Stone Age

### Clothing

- They cleaned and prepared the animal skins and then wrapped them around their bodies.
- They also made needles from animal bones to sew the skins into clothes.
- They decorated their faces and bodies with paints from natural resources.
- They strung shells together to make necklaces.



The Stone Age ended when men began using metal for tools and weapons. (Bronze Age)

- Ancestor** - A person from the past whom you are related
- Archaeologist** - A person who studies history by digging up and sifting through sites and analysing artefacts
- Settlement** - A small community of people
- BC** Before Christ
- AD** Anno Domini the year of the Lord
- Settler** - A person who moves with others to a new area
- Migrate** - moving from one place to another

There were many animals roaming the forests during the Stone Age, some of which are not present today like the **Woolly Mammoth**. (Pictured below)



They also hunted animals such as hyena, wild boar, wolf, sheep and deer.



Stonehenge is a famous prehistoric monument. It is made of huge standing stones in a circular shape.