

**Topic: Iron Age**

**Year: 4**

**Strand: Changes in Britain**

## What Should I Already Know?

- That our planet Earth has changed over time
- That past civilisations helped shaped our modern world
- That there are differences and similarities between past and present civilisations
- That civilisations occur in different time periods through history

## Historical Skills and Enquiry

### Chronological Understanding:

- a timeline can be divided into BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini)
- Key events can be ordered on a timeline.
- Stone Age and Bronze Age came before Iron Age

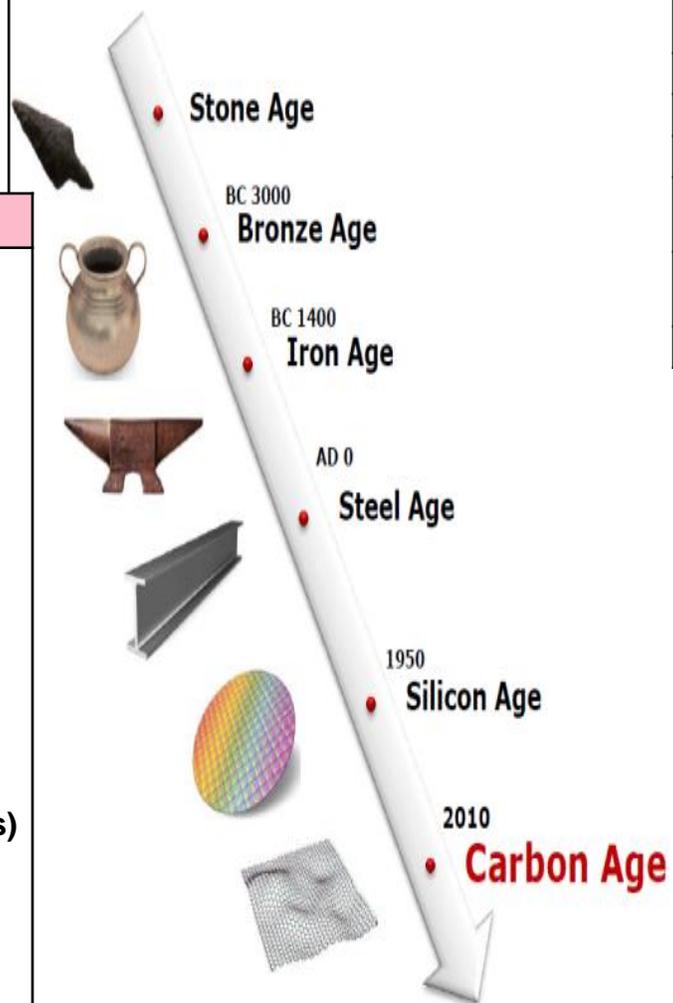
### Knowledge and understanding of events, people and changes in the past:

- describe what was important to people from the past
- Use evidence to show how the lives of rich and poor people from the past differed
- Describe similarities and differences between people, events and artefacts studied.

### Historical enquiry:

- Use documents, printed sources (e.g. archive materials) the Internet, databases, pictures, photographs, music, artefacts, historic buildings, visits to museums or galleries and visits to sites to collect evidence about the past.
- Ask questions and find answers about the past.

## Timeline



## Vocabulary

BC	A time before Christ was born
AD	Anno Domini (After Christ was born)
Iron (Fe)	A strong , pure metal
smithing	Heating and shaping iron
tools	items of use
coins	Currency used as payment in exchange for goods or services
Life expectancy	how long the average person lived
fort	A place of defence that could be guarded

## Important Facts

- The Roman name for the inhabitants of the British Isles was Britons.
- The Britons were part of the [Celtic](#) people who lived throughout Northern Europe at this time.
- Most Iron Age people worked and lived on small farms and were governed by changing seasons.
- Iron was tougher than bronze and could be shaped into finer and sharper objects through smithing
- Iron Age Britain was famous for its hunting dogs
- Coinage was first minted in Britain around 100 BC
- Coins were made of gold, silver and bronze
- Iron Age Britons ate porridge made of barley and rye
- Only about a quarter of children born during the Iron Age reached adulthood
- The average life expectancy at birth was 25 years
- Iron Age Britons played board games with glass pieces