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Hunter Gatherers and Farming

Hunter Gatherers

Stone Age people were hunter-gatherers. They had to find or catch everything they ate. They hunted animals for their meat and skins which they used as clothes. Those who lived near water caught fish using nets. They collected fruit and nuts to add to their diet.

Farming

People began farming at the start of the Bronze Age. They started to produce their own food. They built their own settlements and farms and were no longer nomadic. Their food would come from raising their own animals on the farm, or growing their own crops. Farms were made by clearing wooded areas and building houses surrounded by land.

Stone Age to Iron Age Years 5 and 6

Important Time Periods

Palaeolithic	Early Stone Age people hunted with sharpened sticks. They used animal skins to make clothes and shelters.
Mesolithic	Middle Stone Age people dug flint out of the ground, using antlers as a pick. They made weapons with which to hunt and domesticate a wolf-the beginning of man's relationship with dogs.
Neolithic	Around 6,500 years ago a change took place in the way Stone Age people lived: hunter-gatherers settled in one place and kept animals and grew crops
Bronze Age	Bronze was used instead of stone to make tools and weapons. Woollen cloth was used to make clothes and keep warm. People were buried with their important possessions.
Iron Age	Iron Age people in Europe lived in large tribes ruled by chiefs or kings and queens. Warriors were the most important people and there were battles with neighboring tribes.

Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist	A person who learns about the past by digging up items and studying them
Artefact	An object made by a human being.
Prehistoric	The time in history between the Stone Age and the first written records.
Site	When a substance loses or gains enough energy allowing it to change its state.
Tribes	A group of people that live together for protection.
Flint	A type of stone that can be shaped into blades, knives and spears for hunting.
Settlement	A place where a group of people live together in many buildings.
Agriculture	The practice of farming and growing crops.
Era / Period	A length of time covering many years.

