



Year 4 - Spring - History Knowledge Organiser - Prehistory

What I already know...

Children have an understanding of chronology and are able to place historical events in chronological order using a timeline.

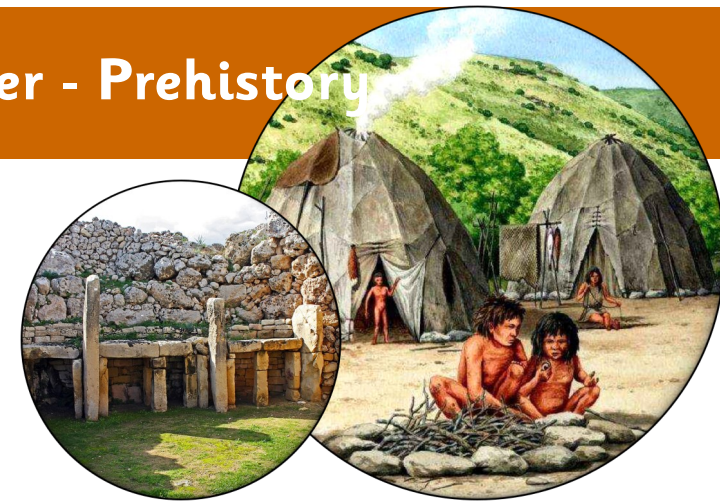
Children know how famous inventions throughout history have had an impact on modern life.

What I will learn...

- What the term “prehistory” means .
- Where early humans lived and the food they hunted.
- About aspects of Mesolithic life by examining the site of Star Carr.
- Where and when agriculture was developed.
- What Stonehenge is and how the landscape developed.
- How bronze was made and the effect it had on life on Bronze Age Britain.
- How iron was made and the effect it had on life on Iron Age Britain.

Key Vocabulary

Archaeologist	A person who learns about the past by digging up artefacts and studying them
Artefact	An object made by a human
Site	An area of ground where a town, building or monument is built
Tribes	A group of people who 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
Homo sapiens	The type of human species we are today
Agriculture	The practice of farming and growing crops (plants)
Era/Period	A length of time covering many years
Hill Fort	A settlement on top of a hill



Making a difference at The Merton

In year 4, we will become palaeontologists and discover how we know about life in prehistoric times.

We will improve our own understanding, so that we can create artefacts, information texts and curate our own museum to help other children in the school learn about this era.

Making a difference at home

Did you know Beacon Hill is Leicestershire’s oldest Hillfort? Why not take a walk up to the top imagine you are one of the city’s earliest settlers. You could research more facts about Beacon Hill independently - can you find any more hillforts in Leicestershire?

You could help to improve your families understanding of this era by sharing some of the things you have learnt at school with your family at home.