

Time Travellers

Five Fabulous Facts

1. Prehistoric Britain ended when the Romans conquered the ancient Britons in AD43
2. The Ancient Greeks lived around the time that the Iron Age people built Barbury Castle.
3. Life in the Stone Age was challenging because humans had to hunt and gather all of their food.
4. By the time of the Bronze Age, Britons began mining metals and making objects such as swords.
5. During the Iron Age, people built Hill Forts so that they could see traders and enemies coming.



Stone Age

Food Stone Age humans were hunter-gatherers. This means they hunted animals and fish whilst gathering seeds, berries, nuts and roots.

Weapons Weapons at this time were made from stone, wood or bone. They were often sharpened and then attached to the end of spears for throwing.

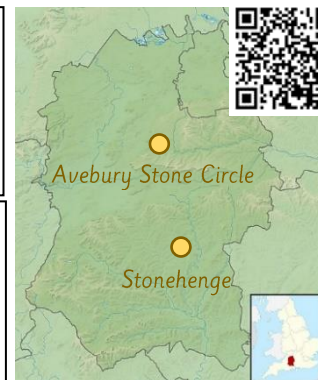
Lifestyle During this period, humans were nomadic and moved around according to their prey and the time of year. They would stay in caves or tents made of fur.



Bronze Age

Lifestyle Stonehenge and Avebury Stone Circle were both built in the Bronze Age for religious ceremonies.

Weapons In this period, humans could smelt bronze to make metal tipped weapons like spears, axes and arrows.



Food Humans made more sophisticated tools allowing them to make cereals and wheat which could be turned into bread.



Iron Age

Weapons During the Iron Age, blacksmiths made weapons from a variety of metals including iron. They also made armour for their soldiers.

Lifestyle Communities chose long term places to live and made large hillforts. These contained all the necessary buildings and provided protection from attacks. This is Barbury Castle – a hillfort in Wroughton.



Food During this period, humans started more widespread farming of both crops and animals. They kept cattle, sheep and pigs and grew wheat, barley, peas and beans. Residents also traded using coins as payment.

Key Vocabulary

bronze	tribe	nomad	gather	hillfort	settlement	tool	smelt
A yellow-brown metal	A society of people.	Someone with no permanent home.	To collect.	A fort built on a hill.	An area inhabited by a community.	A handheld item used for a specific job.	To remove metal from ore using heat.

