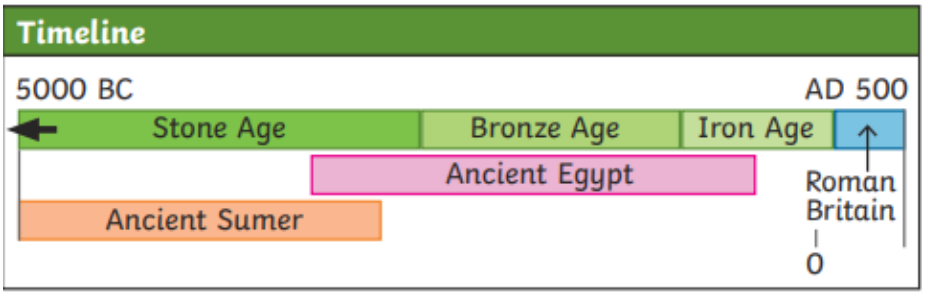
Thinking like a historian… Bronze and Iron Age



Key Knowledge:

- The Bronze Age followed the Stone Age and came before the Iron Age.
- People lived in settlements and many were farmers.
- Metals making was introduced to Britain in the Bronze Age.
- Trading also became important during this time.

Bronze Age: People developed the technology to make bronze which they used for tools, containers and jewellery. People arrived from Europe to live in Britain, called the Beaker people, they brought with them bell shaped pottery called

Iron Age: People developed tools and weapons out of Iron. Hill-forts developed during the Iron Age, people built their settlements on a hill for protection from other tribes.

Stonehenge: Stonehenge is a historic site and monument that was started in the New Stone Age but was thought to be completed during the Bronze Age.

Key Vocabulary	
Prehistory	The period of human history before written records existed.
Iron	A strong metal that was used to make tools and weapons during the Iron Age.
Bronze	A metal made from copper and tin, used extensively in tools, weapons, and ornaments.
Hill forts	A fortified settlement built on elevated land for protection.
Settlement	A place where people live and establish a community.
Farming	The practice of cultivating land, growing crops, and raising animals for food.
Trade	The activity of buying and selling goods and services.

Learning Questions

How should we remember the Bronze Age?

What was life like in the Iron Age and how do we know?