



**Year 3**  
**Geography**



KEY VOCABULARY

**Chronology** - The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.

**BC - Before Christ.** A way of dating years before the birth of Jesus. The bigger the number BC, the longer ago in history it was.

**AD Anno Domini** - "in the year of our Lord". AD is used to show dates after the birth of Jesus. This year is AD 2018.

**Historical evidence** - Anything left over from the past is a source of evidence.

**Hunter-gatherers** - People who found food from their local environment and then moved from site to site depending on the season. They moved wherever they needed to get food from.

**Farmers** - The Neolithic or new Stone Age saw the beginnings of agriculture. Animals such as the cow and sheep were domesticated and provided a ready supply of meat, milk, wool, leather and bone. Grain was the first food that could be stored for long periods of time.



Skara Brae is an archaeological site in Orkney, Scotland

-It is a Stone Age village.

-There are 8 houses made of stone.

-There is only one room in each house.

-It is famous because it has been well preserved and has taught us a lot about life in the Stone Age.

**The Stone Age**

The term 'Stone Age' refers to a very long period of time that we can break up into three sections.

In the early Stone Age, which we call the **Paleolithic**, people were hunters and they found food by roaming from place to place in different seasons.

The middle Stone Age, called the **Mesolithic**, began at a time when sea levels rose and Britain became an island (before this time Britain was joined to the mainland of Europe). During the Mesolithic period, tools were developed to become smaller and finer. The invention of canoes meant that people were better able to hunt for fish as well as animals.

In the late Stone Age, which is called the **Neolithic**, the way people lived changed a lot because they began to settle into farming villages instead of moving from place to place. People started to look after animals and grow their own crops.

