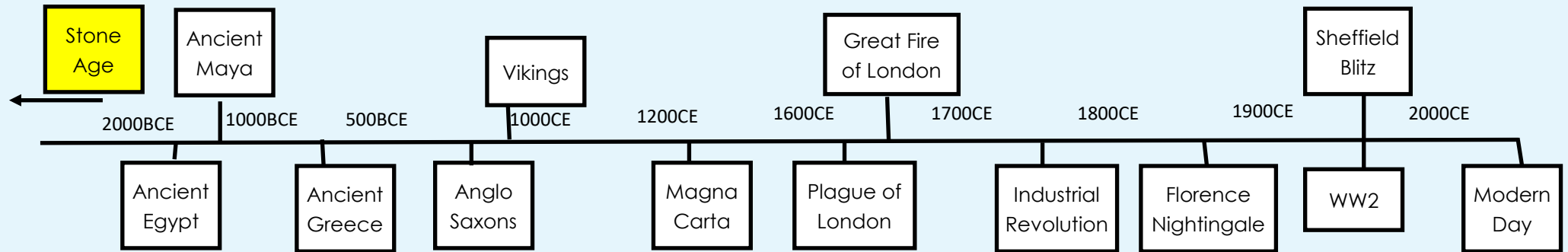


History - Y3 Autumn

The Stone Age



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

Paleolithic	The first era of the Stone Age when people developed tools made of stone (10 million years ago—10,000BCE)
Mesolithic	The middle era of the Stone Age during which the climate became increasingly warm (10,000BCE—8,000BCE)
Neolithic	The third era of the Stone Age when people started farming (8,000BCE—3,000BCE)
prehistoric	Before written records.
cave painting	Artwork on the inside of caves, depicting daily life.
nomadic	A group of people moving from place to place.
settlement	A permanent home / group of homes.
round-house	A house made from local materials (mud, ,hay, wood) in a circular shape.
ritual	A behaviour or practise by a group of people to mark an important occasion or event.

Key knowledge to know and use

- In the Paleolithic era, Stone Age people lived a nomadic lifestyle. They travelled in groups and hunted animals together.
- The Mesolithic era saw people hunt animals in smaller groups, with more advanced tools and weapons. They also gathered food from trees and plants.
- The Neolithic era saw people begin to live together in small settlements and the people began to rear animals.
- The Cueva de le Manos is a famous cave that can be found in Argentina. The inside of the cave is covered in thousands of handprints, created by Stone Age people to represent themselves and to illustrate their sense of community.

paleo - ancient **meso** - middle **neo** - new **lithic** - relating to stone



We know that Stonehenge was constructed during the Neolithic era, but how it was built, and why, remains a bit of a mystery! It is a brilliant demonstration of mathematical and architectural genius; some of the stones originated from Wales and it is aligned towards the sunrise on the Summer Solstice.