National Curriculum suggestions:

- late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, for example, Skara Brae
- Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, for example, Stonehenge
- Iron Age hill forts: tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture

Timeline of Key Events:

**Stone Age:** up to c.2300BCE
**Bronze Age:** c.2500BCE to c.750BCE
**Iron Age:** c.750BCE to 43CE

All dates below are approximate

- **10,000BCE** Last Ice Age Ended
- **4500BCE** Agriculture develops
- **2600BCE** Stonehenge built
- **2400BCE** Beaker Culture arrives
- **2500BCE** Bronze ‘discovered’
- **1500BCE** ‘Village’ communities form
- **750BCE** Iron working develops
- **500BCE** Celts arrive from Europe
- **175BCE** Pottery-making advances
- **100BCE** First coins introduced
- **54BCE** First Roman invasion attempt (Julius Caeser)

Links:

- History: Ancient Egypt Old Kingdom falls during the British Stone Age; Middle & New Kingdoms during Bronze Age
- Geography: Name and locate key features of physical geography of the UK, and understand how these aspects have changed over time.

Life in Prehistoric Britain:

Early civilisations in Britain were largely hunter-gatherer tribes. Around 4500BCE they began to develop farming techniques which enabled groups to settle in one place for longer. Tin was a common commodity, traded overseas. Life would be greatly affected by the seasons, including religious festivals. Evidence now suggests that invasions were rare, although inward migration did occur.

Evidence & Artefacts:

Much of the remaining evidence we have is from things like burial mounds. Often these contain examples of pottery and even jewellery made from the materials of the day. Some ‘inventions’ of the period include the potter’s wheel and wood lathe introduced in the late Iron age. There are also a small number of pre-Roman coins in evidence.

Places to Visit:

There are many hill forts and burial mounds around the country, often owned and managed by National Trust or English Heritage groups. Also:

- **Cresswell Crags**, Nottinghamshire
- **Butser Ancient Farm**, Hampshire
- **Bodrifty Iron Age Settlement**, Cornwall
- **Museum of the Iron Age**, Hampshire
- **Flag Fen**, Cambridgeshire

Further Information:

- Britain Express: [http://bit.do/BritainExpress](http://bit.do/BritainExpress)