

Discovering the Bronze Age with Ellie the Elephant

Step back in time with Ellie! Explore the age of discovery, tools, and tribes.

- The Bronze Age began when people in Britain discovered how to mix copper and tin to create a brand new, durable material called bronze.
- People moved from using soft stone tools to using hard bronze tools, which helped them farm the land more efficiently and protect their homes.
- During this time, Britain saw the arrival of the 'Beaker Folk', a group named after the distinctive bell-shaped pottery cups they left behind in their graves.
- Villages became larger and more organised, with many people choosing to build their homes on high ground, creating protected hillforts.
- Trade became very important, as people travelled across the land and sea to swap goods, jewellery, and metals with other tribes.
- Bronze Age people buried their loved ones with special items, such as daggers, gold jewellery, and ceramic beakers, showing us how they lived and what they valued.

Did you know? Did you know? Bronze is not a natural metal found in the ground like gold. It is an 'alloy', which means it is a clever mix of two different metals—copper and tin—melted together to make something much stronger!

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