

Stone Age Secrets: Unlocking the Past

Step back in time with Ellie the Elephant: Discover the dawn of human history!

- **The Stone Age is divided into three distinct periods: the Palaeolithic (Old Stone Age), the Mesolithic (Middle Stone Age), and the Neolithic (New Stone Age).**
- **Early humans during the Palaeolithic era survived by hunting wild animals and gathering seasonal fruits, nuts, and berries.**
- **Stone tools were crafted by striking flint against harder rocks to create sharp edges for cutting, scraping, and hunting.**
- **As the climate warmed, humans began to settle in one place, domesticating animals and cultivating crops like wheat and barley.**
- **Prehistoric people used natural pigments like ochre and charcoal to create intricate cave paintings that tell us about their beliefs and daily lives.**

Did you know? Did you know? During the Neolithic period, early people began to move away from being nomadic hunter-gatherers. They started to build permanent homes and farm the land, which was a massive turning point for human civilisation! Ellie the Elephant loves to remember that this shift is often called the 'Neolithic Revolution'.

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