Journey into the Stone Age with Ellie the Elephant!

Step back in time and discover how our ancestors lived, survived, and thrived!

- **The Stone Age is split into three main time periods: the Palaeolithic, the Mesolithic, and the Neolithic, named after the ways people lived and the tools they crafted.**
- **During the early Stone Age, humans were nomadic hunter-gatherers who travelled in small groups to find wild plants, berries, and animals to eat.**
- **Flint was the most important material for survival; it was knapped (struck together) to create razor-sharp edges for cutting, scraping, and hunting.**
- **In the Neolithic period, people began to farm the land, growing crops like wheat and barley, which meant they could stop moving and build permanent homes.**
- **Stone Age shelters changed over time from temporary tents made of animal hides to sturdy huts built from wood, mud, and wattle and daub.**
- **Ellie the Elephant remembers that this era lasted for thousands of years, ending only when humans discovered how to use metals like copper and bronze!**

Did you know? Did you know? Stone Age people didn't just use stone! They were incredibly clever at using every part of the animals they hunted. They used bones for needles to sew clothes, antlers to dig for flint, and animal skins to make warm shelters and bags.

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