

Iron Age Explorers with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about life in Britain during the Iron Age.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of Iron Age Britain. Ellie the Elephant has gathered these facts to help you remember how people lived over 2,000 years ago!

What material replaced bronze to make stronger tools and weapons in the Iron Age?

Iron

What were the typical circular homes that Iron Age families lived in called?

Roundhouses

Why did people build their villages, known as hillforts, on the tops of hills?

To help them see enemies coming and to defend their homes easily.

What do we call the groups of people who lived together under the leadership of a chieftain?

Tribes

What did Iron Age people use to trade for goods before they had modern money like £ coins?

They used a system called barter, swapping things like grain, cattle, or metal goods.

What kind of crops did Iron Age farmers grow to feed their families?

Wheat and barley.

What were the large walls made of earth and stone surrounding a hillfort called?

Ramparts

Were Iron Age people known for being peaceful or were they often involved in conflicts?

They were often involved in conflicts between different tribes, so they were known as fierce warriors.

What was the main job for most people living in the Iron Age?

Farming

What did Iron Age blacksmiths use to heat up iron so they could shape it?

A forge or furnace