Journey into the Iron Age with Ellie the Elephant

Step back in time—discover how the Iron Age changed Britain forever!

- **The Iron Age began when people discovered how to smelt iron ore to make stronger tools and weapons than those used in the Bronze Age.**
- **Most people lived in roundhouses made of wattle and daub, which had thick straw roofs and a central fire for warmth and cooking.**
- **Farming was the most important job; families grew wheat and barley and kept animals like sheep, cows, and pigs for food and wool.**
- **Tribes often traded goods like grain, salt, and beautiful jewellery made from gold and bronze with people from across the sea.**
- **Iron Age society was organized into tribes, each led by a chieftain who lived in the most important house within the hillfort.**

Did you know? Did you know? Iron Age people were very clever at building! They created massive hillforts on top of high hills by digging deep ditches and building tall wooden fences called ramparts. This helped them keep their homes and animals safe from invaders.

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