

# Prehistoric Britain

## The Big Picture



Britain became an island.

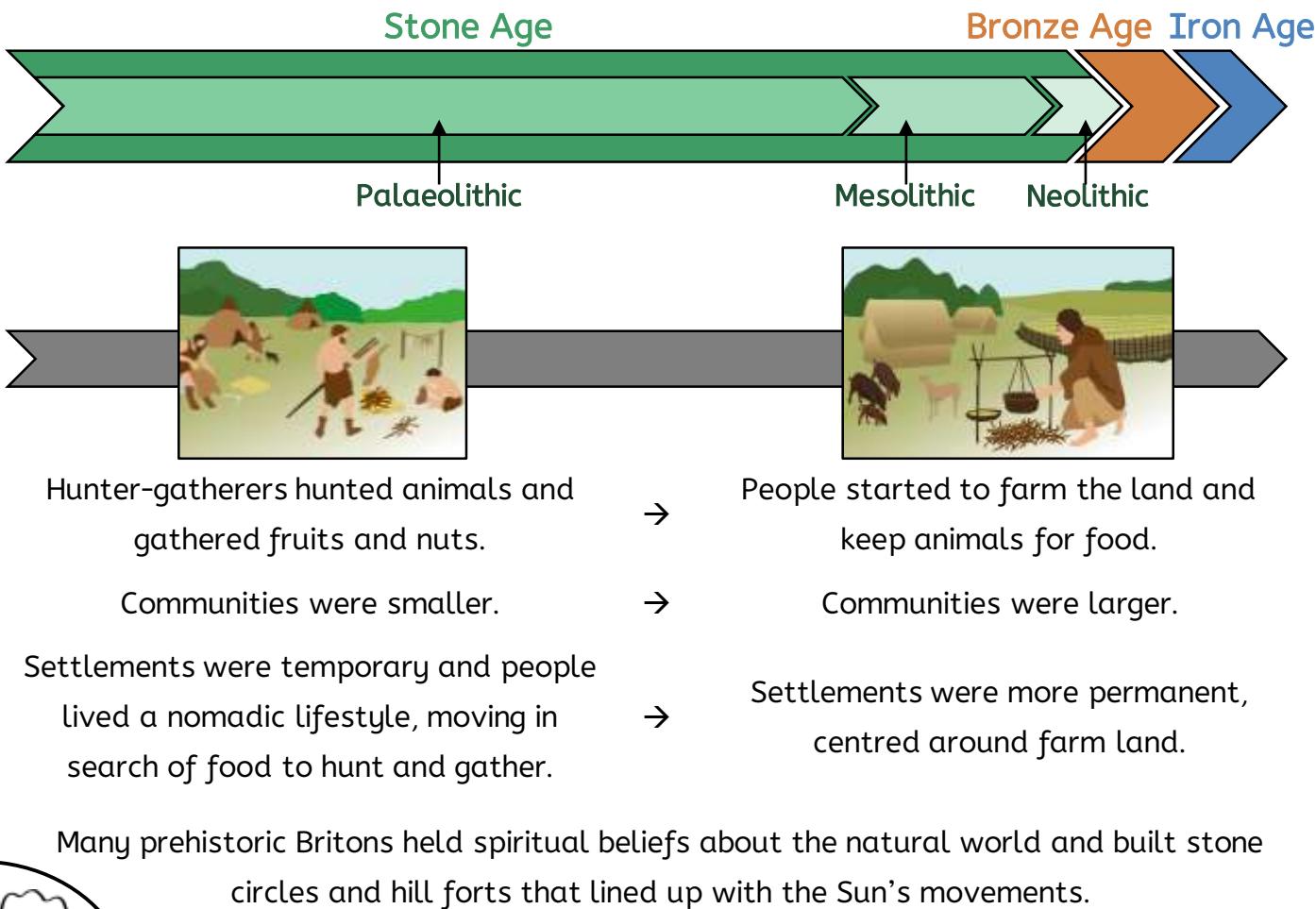
The first homo sapiens lived.

The first Neanderthals lived.

Ice Age began.

The Earth was formed billions of years ago. The dinosaurs lived a very long time ago but died out before any human animals – like Neanderthals or *homo sapiens* like us – walked the Earth.

## Changes from Stone Age to Iron Age



### Stone Age

### Bronze Age Iron Age

Palaeolithic

Mesolithic

Neolithic



Hunter-gatherers hunted animals and gathered fruits and nuts.

Communities were smaller.

Settlements were temporary and people lived a nomadic lifestyle, moving in search of food to hunt and gather.

Many prehistoric Britons held spiritual beliefs about the natural world and built stone circles and hill forts that lined up with the Sun's movements.