



**Knowledge**

- I know when the Iron Age era took place.
- I know how Iron changed life in the Iron Age
- I know what roundhouses are.
- I know most people lived and worked on small farms.
- I know why hillforts were built.
- I know and can name types of weapons made in the iron age.
- I know who the Celts were.
- I know who Boudicca was.
- I know who Julius Caesar was.

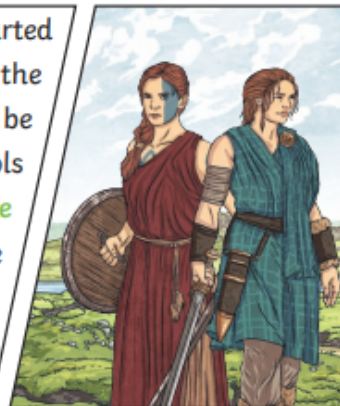


**Roundhouses**

Roundhouses were typical Iron Age circular houses. Some were very large, often housing lots of people living together. They had a timber frame, wattle and daub walls and a thatched roof. There would be a fire in the centre for cooking, light and warmth. Beds were made from hay or feather mattresses and animal skin or woollen blankets.



The Iron Age in Britain started around 800 BC. It followed the Bronze Age after iron began to be used for making weapons and tools — it was stronger than bronze and easier to work with. The Iron Age continued in Britain for about 800 years until the Romans invaded in AD 43.



**Hillforts**

The Iron Age people lived in farming communities in hillforts. These hillforts allowed hundreds of people to live together in a village where they could live off the land.



**KEY VOCABULARY:**

prehistoric	A time before historical research began.
archaeologist	A person who studies human history through looking at artefacts and other remains.
Celts	The name given to people who lived in Europe during the Iron Age.
hillfort	A defended settlement built on hillforts.
bronze	A type of metal made from copper and tin to make it harder and more durable.
Wattle and daub	A mixture of animal dung, clay and straw.