

Stone Age Housing

Ever wondered where people lived in the Stone Age? How did they survive in the winter? Stone Age living was much more basic than ours in the present day (2015). Early in the Stone Age, prehistoric people lived in natural shelters (caves and crevasses) that they found. When the sun had gone down, they would sleep in the shelter to keep them warm and comfortable. Living in temporary homes continued until there was a need to build homes. As time passed, prehistoric people began to settle in one place because they started to farm and live in communities. Men would go hunting whilst women and children would stay at home and cook.

These homes were made of branches, mud, leaves and other natural items collected and constructed together. Fire was very important in those days so wood used to be collected from nearby trees. Over time, the buildings began to get more complicated but stayed in the same area. These homes began to develop different areas.

These areas included:

- A cooking area with a fire and clay pots and pans for food.
- A sleeping area made out of animal fur and straw.
- An area for animals in the winter months to keep them healthy and comfortable.

Overall, housing changed dramatically over thousands of years! From living in caves and natural shelters, to living in sophisticated man made shelters with different areas. This shows how the prehistoric people became more intelligent, although in comparison to today's houses, they were still simple. What might our houses look like in the future? Perhaps they might float in the air or we might live in space!