



# YEAR 3 SPRING VOCABULARY LIST – HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

## History Key Vocabulary – Bronze Age

- Smelting:** Heating or melting to make a metal.
- Bronze:** Copper and tin mixed to make bronze.
- Ore:** Natural rock.
- Mould:** A hollow container used to give shape to a hot liquid.
- Status:** Social or professional position in a society.
- Beaker:** People who came to Britain from Europe in the early Bronze Age.
- Archer:** A person who shoots with a bow and arrows.
- Interpretations:** Explaining the meaning of something.
- Beliefs:** Something exists or is true, especially without proof.
- Afterlife:** Life after death.
- Torc:** A necklace.
- Marine archaeology:** Recovery of ancient objects found beneath the sea.
- Tribe:** Communities linked by social, economic, religious, or blood ties, with a common culture and language.
- Viewpoint:** A position giving a good view.
- wattle and daub:** Twigs covered with mud or clay to make a wall.
- Roundhouses:** A circular building where people lived.
- Crannog:** A home in Ireland or Scotland.
- Broch:** A circular stone tower found in Scotland.
- Ingot:** A metal bar, plate or sheet.
- Hill fort:** A fort built on a hill.

## Geography Key Vocabulary – Our World

- Antarctic circle:** imaginary line/circle about 66.5° south of the **equator**.
- Arctic circle:** imaginary line/circle about 66.5° north of the **equator**.
- Continent:** land mass defined by physical, human, or cultural features: Europe, Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Oceania, North America or South America
- Co-ordinates:** A set of numbers and/or letters that show you a specific position on a map.
- County:** the name for a piece of land.
- Country:** a nation with its own government, occupying a particular territory.
- Day:** time from sunrise to sunset each day, in relation to the Earth's rotation on its axis.
- Equator:** imaginary line/circle of **latitude** around the Earth, midway between **North** and **South** Poles, dividing the Earth into **Northern** and **Southern Hemispheres**. The equator lies at 0° **latitude**.
- Globe:** a sphere that contains a map of the Earth on its surface mounted on an axis that allows for rotation.
- Hemisphere:** A half of the earth, usually divided by the equator into the northern and southern **hemisphere**.
- Global Positioning Systems (GPS):** internationally used way of pinpointing an exact location on the Earth's surface using space-based satellite technology.
- International Date Line (IDL):** a line of **latitude**. It is an imaginary north-to-south line running through the Pacific Ocean, approximately along the 180° meridian, avoiding land.
- Map:** plan of a place, from above.
- Night:** time from sunset to sunrise each day, in relation to the Earth's rotation on its axis.
- Northern Hemisphere:** the half of the Earth north of the **equator**.
- North Pole:** point where the northern end of the Earth's axis of rotation meets the Earth's surface.
- Ocean:** a body of salt water.
- Ordnance Survey (OS) grid references:** the UK is covered by a grid of maps that are given letters. A grid system of numbers are used to locate places on each map.
- Polar:** The area around the **North Pole** or **South Pole**.
- Postcode:** a series of numbers or letters and numbers used by a post office to help identify where a letter or parcel should be sent.
- Solar system:** the sun and the group of planets that move around it.
- Southern Hemisphere:** the half of the Earth south of the **equator**.
- South Pole:** point where the southern end of the Earth's axis of rotation meets the Earth's surface.
- Time zone:** area between lines of longitude following a standard time.