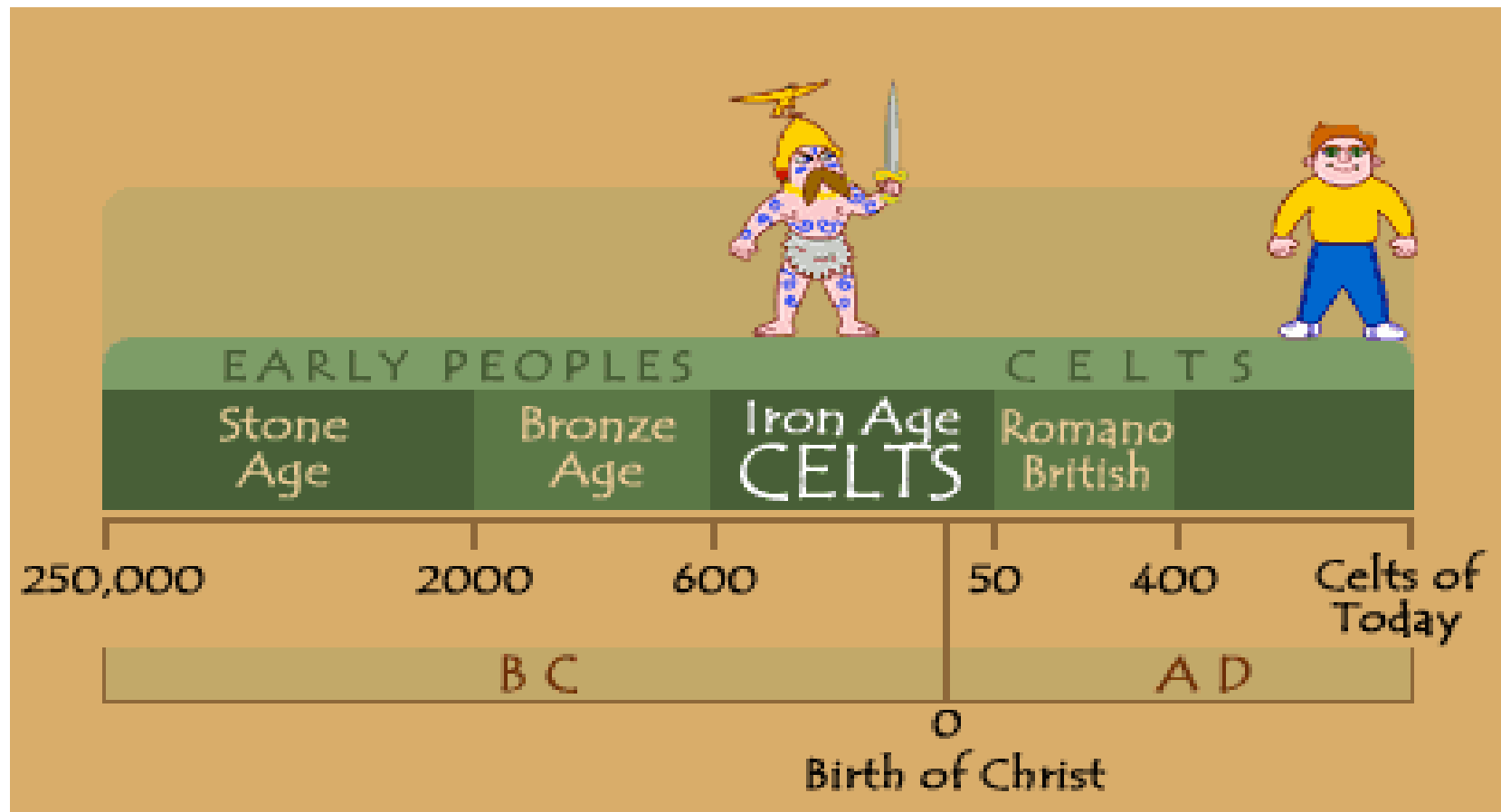


Who lived in Britain before the Romans arrived?



The name 'Iron Age' comes from the discovery of a new metal called iron.



# How do we know information about the Celts?



- Archaeologists are always trying to find evidence but sometimes it gets found accidentally. Some workmen came across a body. The man had been killed 2000 years ago – they still found food in his stomach! His last meal was bread.

- Unfortunately, evidence such as clothes, pots and shoes are rarely found as they rot in the soil.
- Things made out of stone and metal don't rot so they tell us information.

- The Celts didn't read and write. It was the Romans that told us in books how the Celts lived.



# The Celts

- The Celts lived across most of Europe during the Iron Age.
- People had lived in Britain for thousands of years before the Romans arrived.



- The Celts lived in roundhouses with thatched roofs of straw or heather (plant that grows on the hills of northern Britain). In places where there were plenty of trees the walls were made out of wattle and daub (hazel trees with clay and straw).

- In the North of Britain they used large stones and clay to make the walls.
- This is a roundhouse being built. There are poles to hold up the thatched roof.
- The settlements are protected by a stone wall with wood.

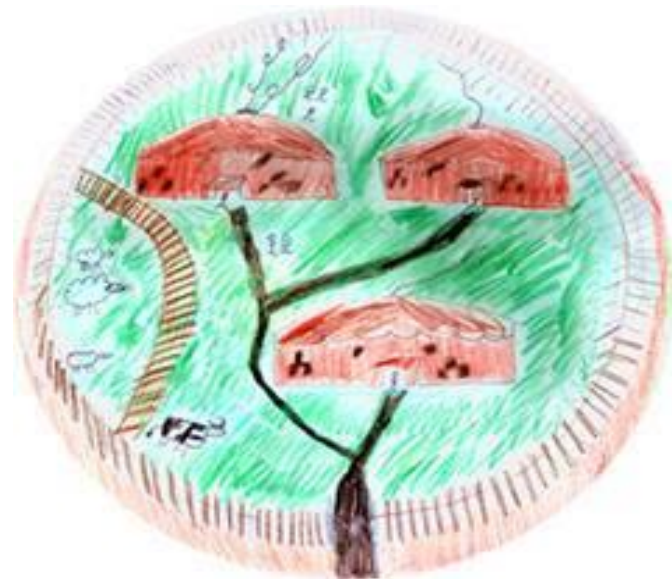






# The settlements

- Families lived together in settlements: children, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.
- The roundhouses were built in groups. The walls protected them from wolves and wild boar.
- Sometimes groups of houses were built on the top of hills. These were called **hill-forts**.





# The Romans



# The start of the Romans in Britain

- The Romans came to Britain looking for riches – land, slaves and most of all iron, lead, zinc, copper, silver and gold.



- Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain in 55BC and then again in 54BC. Both times the British warriors and rotten weather made him and his army go back to France.
- The Romans took over Celts land and built towns and roads.