

## Archaeologists Uncover Ancient Milk Bottles

### What have archaeologists discovered?

- Archaeologists found pottery containers, which experts say date from between 450 BC and 1200 BC.
- Scientists have found evidence of fresh milk in the animal-shaped containers.

**Does your baby brother or sister have a bottle to drink milk from? It turns out that this could have been happening for longer than experts had previously thought!**

Archaeologists have found three ceramic pots which show that babies were fed milk using bottles during prehistoric times.

The pots were found in Bavaria, in southern Germany. Experts believe that these containers date from between 450 BC and 1200 BC.

The cute containers look like they were a way for parents to encourage their young to drink milk. Dr Julie Dunne, from the University of Bristol, said the bottles look like toys.

They appear to resemble imaginary creatures and look like something that could make young children laugh.

Our prehistoric **ancestors** went through some big changes. The first period was called the Stone Age when humans made tools and weapons from stone. It's such a long time that it's split into three periods: the Paleolithic, the Mesolithic and the Neolithic eras.

During the earlier Stone Age periods, humans were hunter-gatherers, **migrating** with their food sources and not settling anywhere permanently.

In the Paleolithic era, people lived in caves and were hunter-gatherers.

In the Neolithic, human lifestyles were transformed; people started to live in permanent **settlements** and farming allowed them to grow



Illustration: A drawing of the ancient containers.

This was when followed by the Bronze Age and then the Iron Age. These eras were when humans began to develop tools and weapons made from metal.

Humans also started to drink animal milk around 6000 years ago. Experts believe that this may have led to an increase in the human population during this period.

Today's news demonstrates that some things have been going on for longer than you think!

### Glossary

<b>archaeologists</b>	People who study the past from physical remains.
<b>ancestors</b>	Human beings from a long time ago to whom we are related.
<b>migrating</b>	Moving to find better living conditions.
<b>settlements</b>	Places where groups of people start to live.

# Questions

1. Why do you think the containers are like imaginary animals? Explain your answer.

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2. Number these historical eras so they are in the correct order that they occurred. The first one has been done for you.

- Iron Age  
 Neolithic  
 Bronze Age  
 1 Paleolithic

3. Compare and contrast life in the Paleolithic with the Neolithic period.

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4. 'They appear to resemble imaginary creatures.'

Tick the phrase that is closest in meaning to 'resemble'.

- look like  
 different from  
 made from  
 compared to

5. Why do you think the author says that 'some things have been going on for longer than you think!'

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6. Summarise the story in 20 words or fewer.

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