

History - Year 3

Autumn 2

Life in the pot banks

- Pottery has been used for thousands of years but it was first made in factories 300 years ago.
- Wedgwood, Emma Bridgewater, Middleport, Gladstone, Spode and Port Merion are all famous pottery makers from Stoke-on-Trent.
- Stoke-on-Trent was the most important place for making pottery in Britain because it had a good supply of clay which was used to make pottery.
- Pottery was transported all over the country from Stoke-on-Trent using the canal system. From there it was sent on big ships all over the world.
- Many different types of people from Stoke-on-Trent would have worked in the pottery industry which included children.
- There were lots of different jobs in the pottery industry.
- Many people working in the pottery industry were paid 'piecemeal' which means they got paid for each piece of pottery they made.
- Conditions in the pottery factories were very poor. They often made the workers ill.

Spring 2

From the Stone Age to the Iron Age

- 'Pre-History' was the period before writing was used to record things.
- The Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age lasted from 10,000BC – 43AD in Britain and was called 'Pre-History'.
- The Stone Age began around 2.5 million years ago. Tools and weapons were made of stone.
- The Bronze Age began around 5300 years ago. Tools and weapons were made of bronze.
- The Iron Age began around 2800 years ago. Tools and weapons were made of iron.
- People changed from living in caves during the Stone Age to small farms and hill forts in the Iron Age.
- People changed from being hunter gatherers in the Stone Age to eating cooked meals in the Iron Age.
- The population of Britain grew from about 50,000 to over 1 million by the end of the Iron Age.

Summer 2

Ancient Greece

- The Ancient Greeks were around from 1200 BC to 146BC.
- This was around 4000 years ago.
- Greece was divided up into lots of different areas called 'city-states'. The most famous city-states were Athens and Sparta.
- Each 'city state' was ruled by a King.
- The Ancient Greeks were famous for theatre, medicine, writing books and the Olympics.
- The Ancient Greeks came up with many inventions that we still use today.