

History - Year 2

Autumn 2

Life in the pits

- Coal is found underground. People dig down to find it. This is called 'mining'.
- Newcastle-under-Lyme had many coal mines during its history.
- Coal is made when dead plants get trapped in the soil over millions of years.
- Coal can be burned to make energy.
- Coal miners worked long shifts for little pay in were dirty and dangerous conditions.
- Children as young as 6 could work in coal mines.

Spring 2

Compare Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II.

- A monarch is a King or a Queen.
- King Charles III is our current monarch. He became King of England in 2022.
- Queen Elizabeth II was Queen of England from 1952 – 2022.
- Queen Elizabeth II reigned for 70 years.
- Elizabeth I was Queen of England from 1558 – 1603. Queen Elizabeth I became Queen around 450 years ago.
- Queen Elizabeth I lived at Hampton Court Palace in London. Queen Elizabeth II lived at Buckingham Palace in London.
- When Elizabeth I was queen, she mostly travelled by horse or by carriage. Elizabeth II travelled mainly by car, train or aeroplane.
- There have been many new inventions during the reigns of both Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II.

Summer 2

Explorers

- An explorer travels to new and exciting places.
- An expedition is a journey.
- Christopher Columbus discovered America in 1492 which was 530 years ago.
- Captain James Cook discovered Australia in 1770 around 250 years ago.
- Sir Ranulph Fiennes travelled around the globe from the North Pole to the South Pole. He has led expeditions since the 1960s which began around 60 years ago.