

History - Year 5

Autumn 2

Where did all the potters go?

- As people began to drink more tea and coffee, more cups and pots were needed. These were made from pottery.
- There were many reasons that the demand for British pottery decreased from 1900. These included the use of new materials and cheap pottery from China.
- 1900 was about 120 years ago.
- The Clean Air Act was passed in 1956 with the aim of tackling the air pollution created by the burning of coal. This led to more factory closures.
- As the demand for British pottery decreased people started to lose their jobs which impacted on their families.
- Some factories in Stoke-on-Trent are still working but have introduced modern technology and other ways of making money e.g. Cafés, museums, craft centres.

Spring 2

The Anglo-Saxons

- The Anglo-Saxons were tribes who came from Germany, Denmark and the Netherlands.
- They invaded Britain after the Romans left. They first arrived in England in 449AD, around 1600 years ago.
- The Anglo-Saxons came to England looking for land to farm because their homeland had flooded.
- The Anglo-Saxons came to England by ships from their homelands.
- The Anglo-Saxons lived in wooden houses with roofs made of straw called thatch.
- The Anglo-Saxons brought a new type of language to Britain, many words we still use today such as evil, ham, rain and stoke.

Summer 2

The Mayans

- The Mayan civilisation began in 2000 BC, over 4000 years ago.
- The Mayans lived in parts of Mexico and America. This was known as 'Mesoamerica'.
- Spanish people landed in Mesoamerica in 1521. They attacked the Mayans and stole their land and gold.
- The Mayan people were very advanced at Maths, Science and farming.