

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 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.