

History - Year 2

Autumn 2

Life in the pits

- 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 is found underground. People dig down to find it. This is called 'mining'.
- Coal miners worked long shifts for little pay. The conditions they worked in were dirty and dangerous.
- 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 Queen.
- Queen Elizabeth II is our current monarch. She became Queen of England in 1952.
- 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 lives at Buckingham Palace in London.
- When Elizabeth I was queen she mostly travelled by horse or by carriage. Elizabeth II travels 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

Space Travellers

- Space is what you can see when you look up into the sky. It is very big.
- Astronauts are specially trained to travel into space.
- When in space, astronauts travel to the moon, look at the Earth and do experiments.
- Satellites go around (orbit) the Earth. They can be natural or man-made.
- The first person on the moon was American astronaut Neil Armstrong. He landed in 1969 which was over 50 years ago.
- Both men and women can be astronauts. Tim Peake and Sunita Williams are examples of this.
- The International Space Station orbits the Earth. It is a man-made satellite.