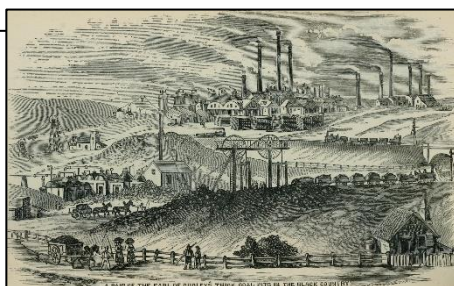




Curriculum Information



Spring 2 Year 5



Our topic this half term is 'Polesworth & Coal Mining'

Grab your shovel and pick! Year 5 are off down the mines! This half term, our children will be journeying back in time to the days of the Victorian period. They will be exploring the industries and inventions which transformed our country and learning about the benefits and problems that they have brought to our local area.

As writers, we will be writing stories based in a Victorian setting, exploring the difficult lives of children during this era. We will also be writing letters to Malala Yousafzai following World Book Day.

As readers, we will read Berlie Doherty's 'Street Child'. Based on a true story, this story follows the journey of Jim Jarvis as he escapes life in a workhouse and finds his way to safety with Dr Barnardo.

In Maths, we will learn about fractions and decimals (including equivalent fractions and decimals, and ordering fractions and decimals) comparing, measuring and calculating missing angles.

In Science, we will continue to find out about materials, their properties and the ways in which they can change.

In Computing, we will be looking at spreadsheets, and using formulae to solve investigations.

In Art, we will be creating prints in the style of the Victorian designer – William Morris.

In Design and Technology, we will begin our project of building our own powered buggies, using our knowledge of gears and CAMs.

In Geography, we will learn about the ways in which the use of land in our local area changed during the industrial revolution, as well as comparing Polesworth to more industrialised areas.

In Languages, we will be learning how to describe different items of clothing, their materials and colours and describe what we are wearing.

In Music, we will be learning about a new piece of music called 'Rosewood Gratitude'. We will use body percussion and untuned percussion to learn the rhythm of the music, and we will play chords on the glockenspiels.

In PSHE, we will learn about physical well-being and developing strategies for keeping bodies healthy.

In PE, we will be learning dance routines (the Haka) and learning throwing, catching, teamwork and communication skills in dodgeball.

In RE, we will be learning about the Easter story and exploring the reasons why this festival is so important to Christians worldwide, specifically why 'lent' is important for Christians and how this also links to pancake day.