

Altofts Junior School—History- Year 6—Summer Term—The Local

How has Altofts changed in the last 200 years?

This topic is taught in conjunction with a local area geography topic. It will focus on the three main influences in Altofts over the last 200 years: coal mining, canals and the railway

Key knowledge

- Know that as Britain's population grew in the industrial revolution, so did its need for coal
- Know the impact opening a coal mine in Altofts had on the local area
- Know that the need for coal started to decline after the first world war
- Know that canals were seen as the motorways of the 18th century
- Know that the Aire and Calder navigation was used to transport coal around the country
- Know how George Stephenson's steam locomotive revolutionised travel
- Know the importance of Normanton railway station in the 1840s
- Analyse and evaluate sources to justify claims about the past
- Evaluate the usefulness of different sources

Disciplinary Vocabulary
Civilisation - society, culture and a way of life

Legacy - a long-lasting impact

Monarch - sovereign head of state like a king or queen

Substantive Vocabulary
Coal - a type of rock which is a non-renewable form of energy

Mining - the process of obtaining coal or other minerals from a mine in the ground

Canal - an artificial waterway constructed to allow the passage of boats

Steam locomotive - a locomotive that provides the force to move itself and other vehicles by means of the expansion of steam

