

What impact did the mining industry have in Wales?

What were working conditions like in the pits?

How did coal mining benefit Wales?

## Pits and Ponies - Year 5/6 Spring Topic

How is coal formed?

How did it feel to work in the coal mines of Wales? How has the coal mining industry changed over the years and does it have a future? Explore these questions and more in this special project about the coal industry and its impact on the towns and valleys of Wales.



What jobs did children have in the pits?

Why were ponies used in the pits?

Within this topic, children will explore:

- The history of coal mining
- Mining strikes and their effects on the miners, their families and communities
- The legacy and future of coal mining.



Why was coal mining key to the industrial revolution?

### Language:

- Debate about Tonypany riots
- Poetry
- Letters
- Recount
- Narrative based in the mines

### Maths:

- Fractions
- Percentages
- Length/Weight
- Symmetry
- Mean, median, mode and range
- Probability

Who were the Bevin Boys?

What was the 'Senghenydd colliery disaster?' What impact did the disaster have on people?

How has mining affected the environment?

What caused the Tonypany riots?

