

YEAR 5 TOPIC BASED ACTIVITES

<p><u>Term 6 topic</u></p> <p>This term’s topic will be looking at how the area in which we live in has changed over the years, and how it links with other parts of the UK and the world. Once upon a time , coal mining was important in East Kent and many rural areas depended on the mines for work. People from different parts of the country travelled to Kent for work bringing with them their skills and their different traditions. But the coal mines have gone and these locations are now used for many other things. We are particularly going to look at Betteshanger colliery which is now the site of Betteshanger Park. Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, the park is currently closed but it does have a website that you can visit and I am sure that some of you have already been there. Hopefully the Mining Museum that is planned for the area will be open soon & we will be able to look at their wonderful resources.</p> <p>This is a new topic for Year 5 that I hope you will enjoy because it is all about the area in which you live . If you have friends and relatives that have lived in this part of Kent for many years, then interview them and find out how it has changed over the years.</p>				
<p><u>The physical geography of the Garden of England</u></p> <p>Locate Kent on a UK map. Draw your own sketch map of Kent</p> <p>Identify the main towns and villages , hills, coasts and rivers.</p> <p>Can you also mark on it old mining villages - Betteshanger, Chislet, Timanstone, Snowdown. Don’t forget a compass and a key.</p>	<p><u>Your village or town</u></p> <p>East Kent has seen many changes since the war. How has the village or town in which you live changed? Can you find a wartime map/old pictures of your area. Create a tourist guide for your village or town. Include a sketch map for visitors of what your town or village looks like now. Include the main buildings, parks, churches, attractions, nature.</p>	<p><u>Betteshanger & mining</u></p> <p>Find out about mining at Betteshanger. What type of mining went on there. When did it start ?When did it finish? Why did it stop? Can you find accounts of people who mined at Betteshanger. What do they remember?</p> <p>Don’t forget that mining lasted until the 1980’s so there will be many people alive today, who have memories.</p> <p>You could interview neighbours and relatives.</p>	<p><u>How is coal formed?</u></p> <p>Create an information leaflet on this.</p> <p>You could use this to help you</p> <p>https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/us2-s-73-formation-of-coal-cut-and-paste-activity-sheet</p>	<p><u>WW2 and Betteshanger colliery</u></p> <p>How was mining at Betteshanger affected by the WW2?</p> <p>Who were the Bevin boys? Why did the Bevin Boys sometimes feel ashamed of being Bevin boys?</p> <p>Design a new banner for the Bevin boys Association</p>
<p><u>Colliery bands</u> were very important to mining communities. Find out about the Betteshanger colliery band</p> <p>Create an advert for one of their concerts – remember to mention</p>	<p><u>Watch Episode 1 of Coalhouse at War</u></p> <p>Write a diary entry for one of the children. Describing what they and their family had to do in a day. How did they feel playing outside with the animals? What was it like at school?</p>	<p><u>Carrots and blackouts</u></p> <p>‘A carrot a day keeps the blackout at bay’</p> <p>Carrots were used a lot in WW2 because they were a good sweet substitute for sugar which was rationed. Can you make carrot fudge/carrot</p>	<p><u>Mining Banners</u></p> <p>Look at the Mining Banners. Could you design your own banner for Betteshanger Colliery?</p>	<p><u>Bombs over Betteshanger</u></p> <p>In WW2, bombs fell on Betteshanger trapping some of the miners. They were all rescued. Write a diary entry of one of the miners or one of their family members waiting for them. Write a newspaper article</p>

<p>their mascot!</p>	<p>What was the food like? What was good about the house? What was bad? Youtube</p>	<p>biscuits. https://www.ncm.org.uk/ for recipes</p>		<p>about the bombing www.bbc.co.uk/history/ww2/peopleswar/stories/42/a3491642.shtml</p>
<p><u>Wildlife at Betteshanger</u> Create a poster of wildlife found at the park. Find out about their habitats and feeding habits.</p>	<p><u>Modern day Betteshanger</u> Create an advert for modern Betteshanger – Betteshanger Country Park. Why should people visit? How will you make them really want to visit? What activities take place at Betteshanger that benefit the local community?</p>	<p><u>Mining poetry</u> Read the famous mining poem by Wilfred Owen – Miners Can you write your own poem about mining? It could be an acrostic – MINER/MINESHAFT, or could be free verse or rhyming. www.poetry-archive.com/o/miners.html</p>	<p><u>Future plans for the Betteshanger area</u> There are What will be the advantages of these/ What will be the disadvantages? Write a letter to your local MP setting out whether you are in favour or against these plans? Natalie Elphicke M.P. Dover and Deal Craig Mackinlay M>P for Sandwich https://www.kentonline.co.uk/deal/news/petition-emerges-over-new-homes-plan-227274/</p>	<p><u>Chocolate chip cookie fuel mining science experiment</u> https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/au-t2-s-1488-chocolate-chip-fossil-fuel-mining-science-experiment A tasty way of thinking about mining!</p>
<p><u>Escape of the Chilean miners 2010.</u> Find out about the Escape of the Chilean miners in 2019. Where in the world is Chile? Use an atlas or Google Earth to help you locate the country. Can you locate where this mining disaster happened? Draw a picture of the leader of the mineworkers – Luis Urzua emerging</p>	<p><u>The Miner’s Way</u> With your family, walk or cycle part of the Miner’s Way. Lots of wildlife areas and of course you will pass some of the places that form an important part of Kent’s mining history. Plan your route using an Ordnance Survey map.</p>	<p><u>Create a logo</u> Can you create your own black & white logo for Betteshanger Park that covers its history and its modern use  Logo for The Miner’s Way</p>	<p><u>Another mining area in the UK</u> Can you find another part of the UK or Europe that has been famous for coal mining? How far is this from Kent? Is coal still being mined? What has happened to that area?</p>	<p><u>Visit the National Coal Mine Museum</u> There are some virtual exhibits here and some interesting things to look at. https://www.ncm.org.uk/ There will be information that will help you with some of the other topic ideas on this sheet.</p>

from the mineshaft wrapped in the Chilean flag.
Write a newspaper report announcing the successful rescue.