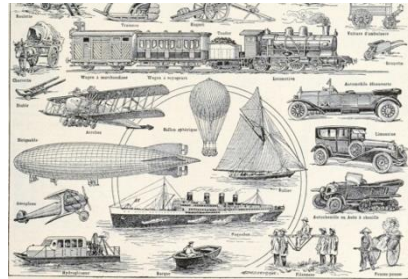


# Year 2 Journey To The Past History



**Prior learning** In year 1, the children learned about the Great Fire of London, and how it changed the way towns and cities were built in the years following the disaster.

In Year 2, the children have looked at the development of transport and the reasons behind the changes.

Last term, the children located and named the seven continents and five oceans of the world and the climate zones.

In this project, the children look at the way Queen Elizabeth I and her followers began the expansion of the English empire, based on trade – to its height in the reign of Queen Victoria.

## Key Facts...

**Queen Elizabeth I** was monarch of England, Ireland and Wales from 1558 – 1603. It was very unusual for a woman to be a monarch. Her reign was called the **Golden Age**.

**Sir Walter Raleigh** was a soldier, writer and explorer. He tried to make North America part of the English empire. He was a favourite of Elizabeth.

**Queen Victoria** was Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for 63 years, from 1837 – 1901. Her reign saw a massive growth in the size of the Empire, brought about by industrial change and trade. By 1922, **the British Empire** had grown to cover about a quarter of the earth's land surface.

## Vocabulary

decade

century

monarch

empire

explorers

trade

## Questions to share ...

If you were to give your monarch a gift, what would it be?

Why did you have to brave to be an Elizabethan explorer?

Would you have liked to be an early explorer? Where would you have travelled to?

## Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zkh7bdm> to find out about Elizabeth I.

Horrible histories online – Queen Elizabeth I

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfdkxhk> Queen Victoria.