



# Y5 - COALS TO GOALS!

The children had a fantastic day at the Beacon of Light taking part in a special 'Coals to Goals' event. One of the first activities was learning about the history of coal mining in the Sunderland area. The children found out about the important job that miners did and the role children used to have down the mine. They saw the special Davey lamps and discovered why these were so important. As part of this activity the children learned and sang songs about mining, including a song about a yard stick which was used to check that the roof of the mine wouldn't collapse. The children also completed a Heritage Trail around the Beacon of Light and the Stadium of Light. They learned about where the pit shaft used to be and saw the pit wheel. They learned about the famous Sunderland manager, Bob Stokoe, and saw his statue. They also went into the main entrance of the Stadium of Light and saw a banner linked to the pit and various Sunderland football memorabilia. The children also learned about the history of the football club badge. They discovered how Sunderland came to have a football club, the local hero Raich Carter and why the badge has changed over the years and what the symbols on it mean. The day ended with the children taking part in some sporting activities, like playing Stuck in the Mud and Grandma's Steps. The children really enjoyed their day and understand more about the history of both mining and the football club in Sunderland.

