

Year 2 Knowledge Organiser -Autumn B

Kings and Queens



-We will learn about Queen Elizabeth's life and explore her lengthy time on the throne. We will discuss that she is the longest serving monarch in British history.

-Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was in 1953 at Westminster Abbey. BBC television coverage of the Coronation was a breakthrough for the history of broadcasting. Queen Elizabeth II's coronation was the first service to be televised and for most people, it was the first time they had watched an event on television.

-We will learn about the royal family and discuss what they do today. We will learn about the Queen's charity work and the various patronages she holds. We will discuss that Queen Elizabeth II is also the monarch of 15 other commonwealth realms.

-We will also learn key monarchs from the last 500 years. We will have a short focus on the life of King Henry VIII. We will learn about his bullish, ruthless temperament and his lavish lifestyle. We will learn about his marriages and the way he caused much religious reform.



-We will use what we learn about Queen Elizabeth II's life and compare this with aspects of life in different historical periods. We will compare her rule with the rule of Queen Elizabeth I.



Queen Elizabeth I was 25 when she came to the throne after a difficult childhood. Queen Elizabeth I is famous for ruling at the time the Spanish Armada was defeated. Queen Elizabeth I never married and never had any children.

-We will revisit our work on the countries and continents of the UK.

Key vocabulary:

Queen - A queen is a female ruler of an independent state. A queen usually inherits her position by being born into a royal family.

King - A king is a male ruler of an independent state. A king usually inherits his position by being born into a royal family.

Monarch - someone of great power. We sometimes refer to them as a sovereign which means 'supreme ruler'. A monarch is a head of state, usually they have the title of king, queen, or emperor.

Reign- (noun) the period of rule of a monarch.

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What are the four countries that make up the United Kingdom?	England, Wales, Scotland and France.	England, Wales, Scotland and Britain	England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland	England, Wales, Scotland and Republic of Ireland.
Who is the current Queen of the United Kingdom?	Queen Elizabeth II	Queen Elizabeth I	Queen Victoria	The Queen Mother
How many times did King Henry VIII marry?	Twice	Once	Five times	Six times
How old was Queen Elizabeth I when she became Queen?	45	25	27	5
How long has Queen Elizabeth II been on the throne for?	67 years	76 years	25 years	70 years
Who was Queen Elizabeth II's father?	King Edward VI	King Henry VIII	King George VI	The Duke of Cambridge