

## Knowledge about Kings and Queens

- ❑ The responsibilities of a monarch: signs government laws, head of the armed forces, head of the Church of England and represents the nation through visits and at ceremonies.
- ❑ Life in the Victorian period was different to our lives now.
- ❑ Before King John ruled the country, Kings of England had a lot of power and did not have to ask Parliament before making important decisions. This changed when the Magna Carta was introduced.
- ❑ The United Kingdom is part of Europe.
- ❑ Buckingham Palace is located in London, which is the capital city of England. Buckingham Palace is home to our current monarchy and is a significant building in England.
- ❑ The coronation of Elizabeth II took place on 2nd June 1953 at Westminster Abbey, London. Elizabeth II became Queen at the age of 25 after the death of her father King George VI.
- ❑ Queen Elizabeth II is the Head of State in Great Britain. She has the authority over the courts, is commander-in-chief of the armed forces and is the head of the Church of England.
- ❑ The coronation of Queen Elizabeth I took place at Westminster, London, on 15th January 1559. She became queen at the age of 25 after the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary I.
- ❑ The roles and responsibilities of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria were different to Queen Elizabeth II.
- ❑ Transport has developed and changed from the Elizabethan era to present day.

## Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Ancestor	A person from whom one is descended and who lived several generations ago.
Buckingham Palace	The main home of the British King or Queen since 1837.
Coronation	The act or ceremony of crowning a king or queen.
Crown	A circular shape usually made from gold and jewels which a king or queen wears on their head.
Diamond Jubilee	A special 60 year anniversary.
Golden Jubilee	A special 50 year anniversary.
Heir	Someone who has the right to inherit a person's money, property or title when that person dies.
Industrial Revolution	The rapid development of industry that occurred in Britain in the late 18th and 19th centuries.
Law	A rule of conduct or action that a nation or a group of people agrees to follow.
Monarch	Monarchs reign over states or countries and use such titles as king, queen, emperor or empress.
Orb	The Sovereign's Orb is a symbol of Godly power.
Past	The time before the present.
Reign	A period during which something or somebody is dominant or powerful.
Railway	A route between two places where trains travel on steel rails.
Scepter	A decorated staff held by a king or queen during ceremonies as a symbol of power.

## Memorable Moment

Family Learning afternoon. The children will work alongside their parents to create their own shield and crown.

## Y2 Kings and Queens



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- ❑ During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, people travelled by wagons, carriages and horseback.
- ❑ Through the Victorian era, transport developed. Bicycles became popular. The Industrial Revolution saw the widespread use of steam engines and railways, and early buses and cars were introduced.
- ❑ Historical sources convey information about the past but some can be more reliable than others.
- ❑ Stafford has undergone many changes since the Victorian era, with the development of the railway bringing more industry to the town.



## Links

EYFS and Y1 – Transport  
Y4 - Monarchs  
Y5 Victorians – Study of this time period and the development of industry in Stafford.

## Reading Texts

