

Knowledge about Kings and Queens

- ❑ The responsibilities of a monarch: signs government laws and has authority over the courts, commander-in-chief of the armed forces, head of the Church of England and represents the nation through visits and at ceremonies.
- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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 was the Head of State in Great Britain until September 2022. Following her death, King Charles III (her son) became the new King of England.
- ❑ The coronation of King Charles III took place at Westminster Abbey, London on 6th May 2023. The Queen Consort Camilla was also crowned on this day. The next person in line to the throne is King Charles III's son Prince William.
- ❑ The coronation of Queen Elizabeth I took place at Westminster Abbey, London on 15th January 1559. She became Queen at the age of 25 after the death of her half-sister, Queen Mary I.
- ❑ Queen Victoria ruled for 63 years from 1837-1901. This historical period was called the Victorian era. Life in the Victorian period was different to our lives now.
- ❑ The roles and responsibilities of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria were different to Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III.
- ❑ Transport has developed and changed from the Elizabethan era to present day.



Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Tier 1	
❑ Buckingham Palace	The main home of the British King or Queen since 1837.
❑ Crown	A circular shape usually made from gold and jewels which a king or queen wears on their head.
❑ Law	A rule of conduct or action that a nation or a group of people agrees to follow.
❑ Past	The time before the present.
Tier 2	
❑ Coronation	The act or ceremony of crowning a king or queen.
❑ 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.
❑ 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.
❑ Platinum Jubilee	A special 70 year anniversary.
❑ Reign	A period during which something or somebody is dominant or powerful.
❑ Sceptre	A decorated staff held by a king or queen during ceremonies as a symbol of power.
❑ Succession	The act or process of inheriting a title.
Tier 3	
❑ Industrial Revolution	The rapid development of industry that occurred in Britain in the late 18th and 19th centuries.

Memorable Moment

Create self portraits in the style of Nicholas Hilliard in art.
Design and make royal headwear in DT.

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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. (Local History.)

Links

EYFS and Y1 – Transport
Y4 - Monarchs
Y5 Victorians – Study of this time period and the development of industry in Stafford.
Year 4 and 5 – Family Trees

Reading Texts

The Queen's Knickers by Nicholas Allan
Queen Victoria's Knickers by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley
Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine by Gloria Whelan
The Owl and the Pussy Cat by Edward Lear
The Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen