

Knowledge about Kings and Queens

- ❑ Monarchs have many important jobs. They **sign government laws**, are head of the **armed forces**, head of the **Church of England** and **visit many countries**.
- ❑ Before **King John** ruled the country, Kings of England had a lot of power. The **Magna Carta** was introduced. This made the laws fair.
- ❑ **Buckingham Palace** is in London, which is the capital city of England. It is home to our current.
- ❑ The coronation of **Queen Elizabeth II** took place on **2nd June 1953** at Westminster Abbey, London. She was 25. She was queen because her father, King George VI, died.
- ❑ **Queen Elizabeth II** ruled in Great Britain until September 2022. She ruled for **70 years**. King Charles III (her son) then became the new King of England.
- ❑ The coronation of **King Charles III** took place at Westminster Abbey, London on **6th May 2023**. Queen Camilla was also crowned on this day. The next heir 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** during the Tudor times. She was the daughter of King Henry VIII. She ruled for **44 years**.
- ❑ **Queen Victoria** was crowned on **20th June 1837**. She ruled for **63 years** from 1837-1901. This was called the Victorian times and life was different to now.
- ❑ The **roles and responsibilities** of Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria **were different** to Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III.
- ❑ **Transport has 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.
- ❑ Transport today includes travel by land, sea, air and space.
- ❑ **Historical sources** convey information about the past but some can be more reliable than others.
- ❑ **Stafford** has had many transport changes since the Victorian era. The development of the railway brought 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.

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 Snow Queen by Hans Christian Andersen
Little People Big Dreams: King Charles by Maria Isabel Sánchez Vegara