

Year 2 History

What is the role of a monarch?

Prior learning

In Year 1, you learnt about The Industrial Revolution, during The Victorian Era. You learnt about what life was like for children during this era and the laws that were created to protect children. This period in history was under the reign of Queen Victoria.

In Year 2, you learnt about the Great Fire of London and the reign of King Charles II.

Future learning

In KS2, a key history theme is **Government** -This theme will thread through your history lessons, as you will learn about significant monarchs and leaders.

In Year 4, you will learn about The Victorians and learn about how life in Britain changed under the reign of Queen Victoria.

In Year 6, as part of your crime and punishment unit of work, you will learn about how crimes during Queen Victoria's reign were punished and how parliament creates laws in our country.

In this topic you will:

- Find out what the role of a monarch is.
- Learn about the reign of Queen Elizabeth I and life in Britain at the time.
- Learn about the reign of Queen Victoria and how life in Britain changed under her rule.
- Learn about our current Queen, Queen Elizabeth II and compare and contrast her reign with the other significant monarchs you have learnt about.
- Explain the difference between the government and the monarchy.

A Timeline of this Period in History

1533	Queen Elizabeth I was born on 7 September.
1559	Elizabeth I was officially crowned Queen.
1603	Elizabeth I died.
1837 - 1901	Queen Victoria reigned in Britain.
1926	Queen Elizabeth II was born in London on April 21.
1952	Queen Elizabeth II's reign began on the 6th February 1952.
1953	Queen Elizabeth II's coronation took place on 2 June 1953.
2017	Sapphire Jubilee celebrated. Queen Elizabeth II is the only British monarch to have reigned for 65 years.

Key Vocabulary

Monarch	A head of state, which could be a king, queen, or emperor.
To rule	To have power over an area and its people.
Reign	The period of rule of a monarch.
Heir	A person who is next in line to be King or Queen after another person's death.
Throne	A chair for a monarch.
Coronation	The act of crowning a king or queen.
Jubilee	A special anniversary of a monarch's coronation, especially one celebrating twenty-five or fifty years of a reign.
Government	A group of people who lead a specific country.

