



Key Vocabulary

Chronology	The arrangement of dates or events in the order in which they occurred.
Monarch	A king or queen who rules a kingdom.
Reign	The period of time that a king or queen rules over a country.
Sovereign	A king or queen.
Head of state	The public representative of a country, such as a president or monarch (king, queen or emperor).
Empire	A group of countries rules over by one monarch.
Government	A group of people who control a country and make laws or important decisions.
Parliament	A group of people who make the laws for a country.
Coronation	A ceremony to crown the new King or Queen.
Legacy	Something that a person leaves behind to be remembered by.
Hierarchy	A system of ranking people according to their status.
Elizabethan	Relating to the reign of Queen Elizabeth I / a person alive in this era.
Victorian	Relating to the reign of Queen Victoria/ a person alive in this era.
Heir	A person legally entitled to the property or rank of another on that person's death.
Royalty	People of royal blood or status.
Historical sources	Documents, artefacts, photographs etc that are from or inform us about the past.

Key Aims This unit we explore British monarchy and will gain knowledge of Kings and Queens since 1066 till the present day. They will explore the key events in British history that have affected the changing power of the monarchy and have impacted on the powers that the monarchy hold today.

What is a monarch? A monarchy is a country that has a king or queen as head of state. The king or queen is known as the monarch.

Queen Elizabeth I

Elizabeth I was Queen of England and Ireland for 45 years (1558 to 1603). She was born on 7th September 1533 (more than 400 years ago!). She was the daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn. Elizabeth I is famous for having red hair like her father Henry VIII. During Elizabeth I's reign lots of English explorers searched for new lands and treasures. The time when Elizabeth I was Queen is known as England's Golden Age.



Queen Victoria

Queen Victoria was the queen of England and the Empress of India. She reigned for 64 years between 1837 and 1901. She was 18 when she was crowned as queen. She was married to Prince Albert and they had 9 children and 40 grandchildren. She celebrated her diamond jubilee in 1897.



Queen Elizabeth II

Elizabeth II (21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022) was Queen of the United Kingdom and other Commonwealth royal domains from 6 February 1952 until her death in 2022. Her reign of 70 years and 214 days was the longest of any British monarch and the longest verified reign of any female monarch in history.