

Year 2

Kings and Queens Knowledge Organiser

Key Vocabulary

Monarch – A monarch is a king or queen, an emperor or a sultan.

Parliament - This is where politicians meet to decide laws.

succession - This is the order in which a monarch's family will take over the throne.



Key Events and Facts

Why was William I known as William the Conqueror?

William I came from France. He killed King Harold in 1066 and took over England, becoming known as 'William the Conqueror'.

Why was King Edward I known as 'Longshanks'?

King Edward I was given the nickname 'Longshanks' because he was very tall. He was also called the 'Hammer of the Scots' as he spent years fighting wars with Scotland.

What is Henry VIII known for?

Henry was desperate for a son, so when his wife Katherine of Aragon gave birth to a baby girl, he divorced her. In doing so, he split England from the Catholic Church and created the Church of England. Henry had a total of six wives. He divorced two and beheaded two!

Who is the longest reigning monarch?

In 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch with 65 years on the throne. Before this, Queen Victoria had been the longest reigning monarch.

What is Richard III remembered for?

Richard III is often remembered for being a cruel and unkind king. Some people think he killed his nephews to become king. He is also famous because nobody knew where he was buried until his skeleton was discovered in a car park in 2012.

Who was Elizabeth I?

Elizabeth I was the daughter of Henry VIII. She never married, although she said she was married to her country.

Key People



Kings and queens wear a **crown**.



Kings and queens celebrated by having a **banquet**.

The **Tudor** period was between 1457 and 1603



The king or queen is advised by a group of people on how to run the country. This group of people is known as a **parliament**.



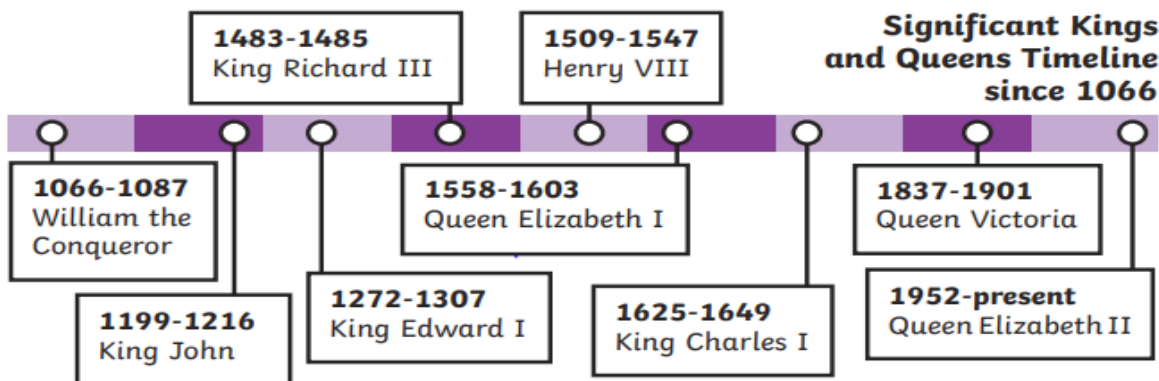
The **heir** to the throne is the eldest son, if there is no son, the eldest daughter will become queen.



The **medieval** period is a time of history between the years 1154 to 1485.

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Some kings and queens have Roman numerals after their names, like Elizabeth I. This means there has been another king or queen with the same name and helps us to know which one we are talking about.



Useful Websites

The Monarch Song – enjoy learning a catchy song to help learn the significant Kings and Queens.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-song-the-monarch-song>

English Heritage – a great site with multiple resources such as designing your own tower, animate timeline, watching an interview with King Henry VIII.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/members-area/kids/kids-rule-guide-to-kings-and-queens/>

Find out more about each King and Queen -

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/kings-and-queens/>