

Perton Primary Academy Knowledge Organiser

History Topic: Monarchs

Year Group: 2

Overview: This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from 1660 to the present day. Using timelines, information about royal palaces, portraits and other historical sources, they build up an understanding of the monarchs and then research four of the most significant sovereigns.

	Evident in books
	Evident in pupil voice

Significant dates (timeline)

- 1660 – Charles II
- 1837 – Queen Victoria
- 1953 – Queen Elizabeth II
- 2022 – King Charles III

Significant / famous people:

- Queen Victoria
- Elizabeth II
- Prince Phillip – Duke of Edinburgh
- King Charles III

Key vocabulary:

- Monarchy
- Hierarchy
- Power
- Portraits
- Significant
- Impact
- Reign
- Timeline
- Absolute power

Prior Learning:

Reception – Family tree
Year 1 – Bright Lights Big City.
Childhood and School Days.

Future Learning:

Year 3 – Through the Ages, Tudor children and Victorian children
Year 4 – Invasion

Key knowledge:

What is a monarchy

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

To explain a monarchy.

To know the 4 significant monarchs in Britain.

Evidence of what the monarchs have achieved in their reign.

Explain the impact of monarchs actions

Historical sources

A historical source something that tells us about history. It may be a document, a picture, a sound recording, a book, a cinema film, a television program or an object. Any sort of artefact from the period in question that conveys information can qualify as a source.

To know what a historical source is.

To know how this can be used to learn from the past.

Power of the monarchy

The power of the monarchy has changed over time. In the past, some monarchs had absolute power. This meant that they could do whatever they wanted. Today, there is a constitutional monarchy. This means that the monarch is controlled by parliament and the government

Monarchs ranked by power in their reign.

To discuss which monarch had the most power and why.

To know what the government is and how they have power in today's world.

Memorable Learning Experiences:

Royal Celebration

Assessment Questions:

- What is a Monarch?
- Who was the longest reigning monarch?
- Name four monarchs in British History.
- Name me a monarch who reigned before Queen Elizabeth II.
- Name a Monarch and explain their impact.