

Spring 1: Year 1-Queen Elizabeth II



Concepts



Knowing about the past, chronological order, asking and answering questions, using sources



Knowing about significant people and leaders from the past



Knowing how events and people from the past shape society and the world

This topic helps the children to look at history as something that is older than just their grandparents. It is the starting point to start looking at further into the past. Queen Elizabeth II was the longest serving monarch, and whose lifetime is still within living memory. This allows for discussions about monarchy and begins to open up discussions that will be addressed further in the year in the 'Now and Then' topic where the children explore Victorians, alongside Queen Victoria. As well as building foundations for the Tudor topic in Year 3, where they will build on their knowledge of Queen Elizabeth I and the rest of the Tudors. The children learn about the Queen as a leader and her accomplishments as the longest reigning monarch. This concept of leadership is built upon in further topics when the children learn about other past monarchs, leaders of the Roman Empire, the Vikings, the Ancient Greeks and ancient kings and queens from Asia and Africa. Their understanding of monarchy will be built upon further in KS2 when learning about the ancient civilisations of the Shang Dynasty, the Ancient and the Ancient Egyptians. These will provide opportunities for children to make comparisons between the leadership during that time, and in that place, compared to modern day leadership- with the beginning of that learning journey within this topic. In upper KS2 children learn about the leaders of Europe through history which underpins past and future learning around the Great War and WW2. As well as history knowledge, children begin to place landmarks such as Buckingham Palace which supports their learning in 'Journeys Around London' in Year 2 and 'United Kingdom' in Year 4.

National Curriculum

- I can show an awareness of the past, using common words and phrases relating to the passing
- I can describe where the people and events studied fit within a chronological framework and identify similarities and differences between ways of life in different periods
- I can describe changes within living memory and aspects of change in national life
- Lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements.
- Compare aspects of life in different periods e.g. Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I
- Use common words and phrases relating to the passing of time
- Where people they study fit into a chronological framework
- Identify similarities and differences between different life periods
- Wide range of vocabulary of everyday historical terms
- Ask and answer questions
- Use sources to understand key features of events
- Understand different ways to find out about the past and how it can be represented in different ways

Year 1			
History			
Queen Elizabeth II			
Foundation subject Knowledge and skills			
When did	Know what a monarch is		
this	Know where a monarch lives		
happen?	Know that we have had a monarch in England for hundreds of years		
	Know that Queen Elizabeth II was our queen and died on 8th September 2022		
	Know that there have been many kings and queens before her		
	• Know that she was called Elizabeth II as there has been another queen called Elizabeth in the past		
	Know that Queen Elizabeth I reigned from 1558 until 1603 and that she was a Tudor		
	Know when the Tudor period was and place on a timeline, understanding that it was hundreds of years ago		
	Know that Queen Victoria reigned from 1837 to 1901		
	Understand when the Victorian period was; that it was after the Tudor times but before today		
	Be able to place the Tudors and Victorian periods on a timeline, along with identifying the start of Queen Elizabeth II's reign		
	Understand that in the past the monarchy ruled the country		
	Know that Queen Elizabeth II was the Queen from 1952 and her coronation took place in 1953		
	Know that her son, Charles became King Charles III when Queen Elizabeth II died.		
What was	Know that Elizabeth was born on 21st April 1926 and she was born a princess		
life like	She was born in Mayfair, London		
then	Identify London on a map and know that we also live in London		
	She was the daughter of King George VI		
	Elizabeth did not go to school but was taught at home		
	She studied art and music and enjoyed drama and swimming		
	When she was 11 she joined the Girl Guides		
	Know that she got married at the age of 21 to Philip Mountbatten		
	When her father died, in 1952 she became queen		
	Understand what a coronation is		
	Know how the coronation was celebrated		
	Make simple comparisons between Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth I		
What	Know what the British Empire was and that the Queen was the head of the British Empire		
effect did	Know the life and achievements of the Queen		
it have at	Use a range of sources to find out about some of the Queen's achievements, including information technology		
the time?	Ensure that children know how to use the internet safely		
	Know who Prince William and Prince Harry are		
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		Know some of the other current members of the Royal Family
		Know that the queen would travel the world on official State visits
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	•	One of her most important duties was on Remembrance Sunday
	•	She would lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in London to remember members of the armed forces who have died fighting for their country
	•	In 2002 the Queen celebrated her golden jubilee
	•	In 2012 the Queen celebrated her diamond jubilee
	•	In 2022 the Queen celebrated her platinum jubilee
	•	Know how these were celebrated
	•	Know that Queen Elizabeth was the longest serving monarch
How did	•	Know that the monarch of United Kingdom is King Charles III
this	•	Know that Prince William and Prince George are heirs to the throne
period of	•	Know that the monarch is the head of the Royal Family
time	•	Know that the monarch lives in Buckingham Palace
effect	•	Know that the monarch also has homes at Windsor Castle, Sandringham and Balmoral
today's	•	Know that the monarch is the head of the Church of England
world?	•	Know that monarch is the head of the Commonwealth
	•	Know that the Commonwealth is made up of 53 nations
	•	Understand that today the country is ruled by parliament
	•	Know that the King does not govern the country but does carry out many important tasks
	•	The King works by devoting himself to this country and its people