



# Kings and Queens History Year Two - Term 5

## Key Knowledge

Prior knowledge	What castles are. Who castles were built by and why. What the structures of medieval castles are. What it was like to live in a medieval castle.
Current monarch	King Charles III is our current monarch. King Charles III became king after Queen Elizabeth II (his mother) died in 2022.
Comparing reigns	Both Queen Elizabeth and Victoria were young queens. Queen Elizabeth didn't get married whereas Queen Victoria got married to Albert and had 9 children. Neither Elizabeth or Victoria were expected to become queens.
Monarch	The monarch is usually part of the royal family and when they become king, queen, emperor or sultan they stay in reign until their death, or they abdicate.



## Key Facts

Windsor castle is owned by the royal family and is the oldest and largest castle to still be inhabited.

Queen Elizabeth II was the longest reigning monarch. She reigned for 70 years.

Queen Elizabeth I was 25 when she became Queen and Queen Victoria was only 18.

In the past the Kings and Queens of Great Britain and Northern Ireland used to have a lot more power and control over the country but now the parliament are in charge.

Not all countries have a monarch. Only 43 sovereign states currently have a ruling monarch.

## Key skills

Compare different monarch's reigns and lives.

Chronology – put in order the past kings and queens of Great Britain.

Historical significance – discuss why some monarchs are very important to our history.

Research about what life was like when different monarchs were in power.

## Vocabulary

Reign	The time that someone is king or queen for.
Royal	A way of describing the monarch and their family.
Rule	This is how a monarch tells people what to do.
Monarch	A monarch is a king or queen, an emperor or a sultan.
Heir	This is the next person inline for the throne.
Family tree	A way of showing how different generations of a family are related.
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
Crown	Crowns are usually made of metal and are worn on the heads of kings and queens.
Lifestyle	This is the way people live their life.
Power	Something kings and queens have to make people do what they say

