

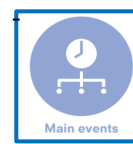
Queen Elizabeth II

Quick Summary



SUMMARY

At the start of the topic, children will have opportunities to explore what a Queen is and what they do, before focusing on Queen Elizabeth II in more detail. Children will learn about a key historic event in 1953 – Queen's Coronation when Queen Elizabeth was crowned. Activities will enable children to explore the artefacts used during this event and the significance of them today. The topic then progresses to look at key events in Queen Elizabeth's life, using key vocabulary such as a long time ago, recently, decade and century to help the children interpret the past. This learning moves on to look at the family tree and Queen Elizabeth's place within this so that children know why she became Queen and the significance of our monarchy and history.



Main events

1926 – Queen Elizabeth II born. 1930 – Elizabeth taught at home instead of going to school. 1940 – Sent a radio message. 1945 – Joined the army. 1947 – Married Phillip. 1953 – Queen's Coronation. 1972 – Silver wedding (25 years). 1977 – Silver Jubilee (25 years as Queen) 1997 – Golden wedding (50 years) 2012 – Diamond Jubilee (60 years as Queen) 2021 – Prince Phillip passed away. 2022 – Platinum Jubilee (70 years as Queen)



Travel and exploration

Her Majesty is the most travelled monarch in the world. Despite her advancing age, the Queen still makes state visits to important British allies – with trips to Ireland, France and Germany taking place in recent years. Since the age of 50, she has travelled to 43 different countries for the first time.



Society

Queen Elizabeth II holds the **record** of being Britain's longest-reigning monarch. Succeeding her father King George VI in 1953, Elizabeth has carried herself in a manner that befits a true monarch for well over 65 years. Her ability to keep up with the changing times has earned her enormous praises from all corners of the world.

Vocabulary: coronation, artefacts, country, Queen, monarch, a long time ago, recently, decade, century, family tree.

Aspirations and career links to history: academic researcher, archivist, heritage manager, historic buildings inspector/conservation officer, museum education officer/curator, gallery exhibitions officer, secondary school teacher, geologist.



Main events

1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London on 21st April.



1940

At age 14 Elizabeth makes her first radio address to the children of Britain.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip in Westminster Abbey on 20th November.



1953

The Queen's coronation takes place in Westminster Abbey on 2nd June.



1977

The Queen's Silver Jubilee marks 25 years on the throne.



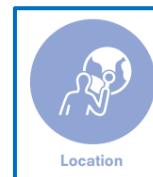
2002

The Golden Jubilee is celebrated to mark 50 years of the Queen's reign.



2012

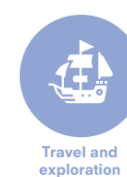
The nation celebrates the Diamond Jubilee, marking 60 years of the Queen's reign.



Location



Main events



Travel and exploration



Society