



# 'Magnificent Monarchs'

## Year 2 Project Homework Activities

Summer Term 1, 2023



This term Year 2s are learning about '**Magnificent Monarchs**'. This project teaches children about the English and British monarchy from AD 871 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 six of the most significant sovereigns. In **Art** the children are learning about portraiture. They will analyse the portraits of Tudor monarchs and compare Tudor portraits and selfies today. They use photo editing software to create royal portraits. In **Science** we are learning about **the Uses of Every day Materials**. For an overview of the terms learning please look at our [class page](#).

On the other side of this sheet are the homework activities for the first half of the Summer term. Please complete your homework tasks in your **Homework Book**. Here are some other things to note...

- ✓ There are 6 tasks to choose from. Try and do one task a week before the end of term (*parents - please don't worry if you don't get them all done, I know life is busy and if you have any problems please do not hesitate to come and talk to me*).
- ✓ You don't need to follow the order; you can pick and choose which ones to do as some will take longer than others
- ✓ You can hand in your homework book every **Wednesday** and I will return it on the **Friday**.
- ✓ Use plain paper for any drawings and stick these into your book
- ✓ For practical tasks take photos and stick them in. If you are unable to print at home, please email photos, etc to [ahewson@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ahewson@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk) and I can do this at school.
- ✓ Please write the date for each piece of work and write the number of the task e.g., 'Task 1'
- ✓ Complete all written pieces of homework **using a pencil** and try to do your most beautiful joined up handwriting – think of your homework book like a schoolbook!
- ✓ Have fun!

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1. Write a sentence to explain the meaning of each of the following words.

**castle**      **monarch**      **ruler**  
**palace**      **reign**



2. Use a range of sources to find out about Balmoral Castle, Buckingham Palace and Osborne House.

Describe what each of these royal residences are like, who lives or lived there and where they are found.



3. Find out when the following significant monarchs reigned. Then, draw a timeline putting them in the correct order.

Record some key facts about each monarch on the timeline.

**Alfred the Great**

**Elizabeth I**

**Elizabeth II**

**Henry VIII**

**Queen Victoria**

**William the Conqueror**

4. Look carefully at some **portraits of past and present British monarchs**.

Think about who the monarch is, what their clothes tell you about when they lived, how the portrait makes the monarch seem powerful and what objects are in the portrait.

Then, choose a person in your house or a famous person that you like. Draw a portrait of them that shows others what that person is like and why they are important.

5. Create a **crown** fit for a king or queen!



6. **Science: Everyday Materials**

Look in your toy box or around your bedroom. Can you find a toy made out of each material we have learnt about? Why is this material suitable?

