



# Monarchs of the UK Knowledge Organiser

Enquiry Question: Why does the UK have a monarch?

**History Focus      Year 1      Spring 1**

- What should I already know?**
- I know that the “past” is about events that have happened before now.
  - I know about significant figures from the past such as Mary Seacole and Dr Mae Jemison.
  - I have begun to explore similarities and differences between things in the past and now, (drawing on experiences and what has been read in class.)
  - I have begun to understand that things happened before I was born (events beyond living memory). I can use vocabulary linked to the past.
  - I have begun to compare life now to life in the past through texts.

**Key Information Learnt by the End of the Topic**

Why was William known as William the Conqueror?      William I came from France. He killed King Harold in 1066 and took over England, becoming known as William the Conqueror.

What is Henry VIII known for?      Henry was desperate for a son, so when his wife Katherine of Aragon gave birth to a baby girl, he divorced her. In doing so, he split England from the Catholic Church and created the Church of England. Henry had a total of six wives. He divorced two and beheaded two!

Who was Elizabeth I?      The daughter of Henry VIII. She never married although she said she was married to her country.

Who is the longest reigning monarch?      In 2015, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch. She ruled for 70 years before she died in 2022.

Key Vocabulary	Definition
<b>Past</b>	Events that happened before now
<b>Present</b>	The period of time that is now occurring
<b>Chronological</b>	Arranged in or according to the order of time
<b>Famous</b>	Well known by many people
<b>Monarch</b>	A monarch is a king or queen, an emperor or a sultan
<b>Reign</b>	The period of rule of a monarch.
<b>Significant</b>	Being or causing something of importance
<b>Succession</b>	This is the order in which a monarch’s family will take over the throne.
<b>Decade</b>	A time period of 10 years.
<b>Century</b>	A time period of a hundred years.
<b>War</b>	A fight or a battle between different groups or countries.
<b>Peace</b>	A period of freedom from public disturbance
<b>Monastery</b>	A building occupied by monks, a religious group

