



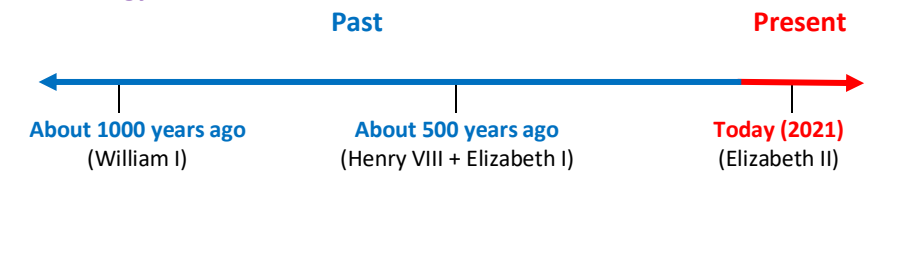
Key Questions

- How did William I change England when he became King?
- Do you think the Bayeux Tapestry is telling the story exactly as it happened?
- How did Henry VIII change life in England?
- Why was Elizabeth I’s reign known as ‘The Golden Age?’
- What is so special about our current monarch?
- Do you think it is important for us to have a king or a Queen?

Historical Stories

Some stories may not tell the complete truth depending on who is telling it.

Chronology



William I (William the Conqueror)



- Lived in France - the Duke of Normandy
- King of England’s cousin
- Harold was crowned King but William thought it should be him.
- William and Normans invaded England and attacked in Hastings in 1066.
- Harold killed and William crowned King in Westminster Abbey in 1066
- Bayeux Tapestry created to tell the story of the battle
- Castles built across England to protect from invasions
- Tower of London – one of William’s castles

Links to Buckingham

- Castle Hill in Buckingham was the site of a castle (replaces a fort)
- Built up high to make it difficult for enemies to attack

Henry VIII



- King of England when 18 years old
- Pope (Head of Catholic Church) very powerful and could tell the king what to do!
- Henry wanted a son to be king next but his wife, Catherine of Aragon, only had a daughter. Henry wanted to divorce her and marry Anne Boleyn. The Pope said no!
- Henry made a new church called the Church of England where he was in charge.
- Henry had six wives.

Links to Buckingham

- Catherine of Aragon visited Castle House. Her crucifix can be seen in The Old Gaol. She introduced lace making to Buckingham
- St James and St John’s is the Church of England church (same site as the old castle)
- Anne Boleyn from Aylesbury

Elizabeth I



- 2nd ever Queen of England (Half sister Mary was the first)
- Ruled for 44 years
- Never married (Married to England!)
- Golden Age
- Time of great exploration and discovery
- Loved jewels and fine costumes

Links to Buckingham

- Queen Elizabeth visited the Manor House in Buckingham on her way to Bicester

Elizabeth II



- Current Queen of England
- Crowned 70 years ago in June
- Longest reigning monarch of England
- Prince Charles is next in line to the throne
- Queen has 2 birthdays – April = real birthday and June = official birthday
- We will be celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee in 2022!

Key Vocabulary

Reign	to hold royal office and rule as King or Queen
Monarch	the Head of State, the King or Queen
Coronation	the ceremony of crowning a King or Queen
Throne	the chair used by a monarch during ceremonies
Heir	the person who is legally entitled to become King or Queen after the current monarch
Jubilee	a special anniversary of an event

