

## **Class Six Homework: Easter 2023**

Your homework for the Easter Holidays is made up of two parts.

1. Write a report based on one aspect of the Tudors. This could be something we have learned about, or something else that has interested you. You need to choose something specific to research and write your report about!

You will need to complete some research to help you write your report. Make notes based on what you find out, explaining things in your own words.

Your report should have a short introduction which explains what it will be about. It should then have paragraphs where facts and information are gathered together.

Finally your report should have a brief conclusion at the end.

Try to keep your language formal, remember you need to sound like an expert!

You have an example report, and a planning sheet attached to this which we have talked through in class. Gather your information before you think about writing, and then organise your information in to groups which can become your paragraphs.

You can type this report up if you wish to, or write it out by hand. Either is fine.

2. You have a maths test which I have completed – badly! Can you go through this test, and look for any mistakes which have been made? If you find a mistake then please correct the calculation or the problem.

If you need any help with anything, you can email me using [class6@bradworthy.devon.sch.uk](mailto:class6@bradworthy.devon.sch.uk)

You will need to bring your maths work in on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April, and your writing needs to be in by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Have a great break!

Mrs T x

## Planning Sheet

Introduction

Paragraph One: Theme.....

Paragraph Two : Theme.....

Paragraph Three: Theme... .

Conclusion

# Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Elizabeth II

## Non-chronological report

It was on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, 1926, in Mayfair, London, that Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor was born. Later to become Queen Elizabeth II, she was the first child of the Duke and Duchess of York. Her father – Prince Albert – took his father's name when he became King George VI in 1936. Even though her Majesty was born in April, her birthday is officially celebrated in Britain on the second Saturday in June. The Trooping of the Colour is the name of this special day.

## Before becoming Queen

When she was a child, Queen Elizabeth II did not go to school. Instead, she was taught at home – by a special teacher called a governess – and studied subjects such as art and music. Elizabeth's favourite lessons were drama and swimming. Other hobbies included photography, playing the piano and attending the Girl Guides. As her sister was only four years younger, Elizabeth enjoyed spending time with her: reading stories, playing games and dressing up for plays. For her 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, Elizabeth was gifted a pony. Her love for horses continued to develop in her later years where she became passionate about training and raising thoroughbred racehorses. On her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, she inspected the soldiers of the Grenadier Guards for her first public engagement. Following this, she showed her ambitious nature, serving in the army as a mechanic during the Second World War.



## Becoming Queen

Stepping down from the throne in 1936, King Edward VIII ended his reign, subsequently passing it on to Elizabeth's father. King George was crowned which meant that Elizabeth's mother became Queen Elizabeth.

Elizabeth, along with her sister Margaret, was now princess. Sadly, King George's reign was cut short when he died suddenly and unexpectedly in his sleep following a long battle with cancer. Elizabeth – who was next in line to the throne – was in Kenya at the time of her father's untimely death. She immediately returned home from her tour of the Commonwealth when she found out. Even though she was just twenty-five years old, it was decided that she would become queen. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coronation took place at Westminster Cathedral, London, in 1953.

## The Queen's Homes

Officially, her Majesty's residence in London is Buckingham Palace; however, she also spends a portion of her time at Windsor Castle.



Buckingham Palace, London

**Did you know?**

**The Royal Family chose the name 'Windsor' as their surname after Windsor Castle.**

The Queen also loves Scotland. Typically, she spends her summers at Balmoral Castle, although her official residence there is the Palace of Holyrood House (Edinburgh). As well as spending time in London and Scotland, the Queen also enjoys spending time in the property she inherited from her father – Sandringham House in Norfolk.

## The Queen's Roles

Even though the Queen does not govern the country, she carries out important tasks on behalf of the nation. Firstly, she is the Head of the Church of England. As part of this role, she appoints bishops and archbishops on the advice of the Prime Minister. Furthermore, she is the Head of the Armed Forces and the only person who can declare or end war with other countries. The Queen is the country's representative. As Head of State, her Majesty travels abroad to a variety of countries around the world on official state visits. She also invites other heads of states to the United Kingdom. Surprisingly, the Queen must

remain impartial in Government matters; she is not allowed to vote. She does, however, have weekly meetings with the Prime Minister and opens Parliament.

An important role of the Queen is to represent the country at times of celebration and sorrow. On Remembrance Sunday, she pays her respects to members of the armed forces who have lost their lives fighting for their country.

Another one of the Queen's important roles is Head of the Commonwealth. The Queen frequently visits many Commonwealth countries; she has made more than 200 trips during her reign.



The Queen lays a wreath at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday.

## The Commonwealth

The Commonwealth is a community of 54 countries across Africa, Asia, Europe, the Pacific and the Caribbean and Americas. Almost all these countries were part of the British Empire, formerly under British rule. Even after becoming independent, many countries wanted to remain within the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth Games take place every four years and celebrate excellent athletes from Commonwealth countries across eighteen sports and seven para-sports. The Games were organised by Bobby Robinson (a major influence within athletics in Canada at the time). It is an assumption that the Queen be available to open the Games at the Opening Ceremony as Head of the Commonwealth. As part of the Commonwealth tradition, a message from the Queen calling the Commonwealth's athletes to come together in peaceful and friendly competition is placed inside a baton. This baton then travels around all the nations and territories of the Commonwealth ahead of the games.



As Head of the Commonwealth, the Queen places a message inside the baton before it starts its journey.

Remarkably, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest reigning monarch in 2015. During her reign, there have been a total of 14 prime ministers. If the Queen were to be asked about her favourite dog breed, it would be a corgi. Elizabeth has also owned over 30 precious corgi dogs throughout her time as Queen.



The corgi is the Queen's breed of choice.