

Y1 HISTORY KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: **HOW HAS OUR COUNTRY CHANGED DURING THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II?**

Key Words

monarch	The king or queen.	government	People who run the country.
coronation	A ceremony at which a king or queen is crowned.	tradition	A custom that has existed a long time.
decade	A period of time that lasts ten years.	reign	Rule over a country.

Key Ideas

- **The Queen is the monarch of our nation. Our nation is the United Kingdom. She became a queen after a coronation 7 decades ago, just after the end of WWII.**
- Queens used to rule the country and make decisions but now that is the government's job. She does have lots of important jobs like welcoming important visitors and visiting other countries like the countries in the Commonwealth. She is also the leader of the church of England.
- People used to receive their news by newspapers or radio but television was invented during the Queen's reign. The Queen started to give a Christmas message every year on the television.
- The World Wide Web was invented in 1989 and this started the age of the Internet. Now, the royal family have Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
- When Queen Elizabeth was little, school was very different to how it is now. They used to be able to cane you if you were naughty. They wrote on blackboards with chalk.
- The Queen played with different toys when she was little like skittles and tea sets made from wood or metal. We now play with different toys like Ipads and X-Box that need electricity.



How do we know about the Queen?

- The Queen is alive today and her reign is a part of living memory.
- There are lots of photographs, newspaper articles, television programmes, accounts and artefacts that we can use as evidence when discussing life during Queen Elizabeth II's reign.



