National Curriculum Specification

Monarchs – How has power transferred between monarchs over time?

Key Vocabulary		
Monarch	Another name for a King or Queen, who are head of state.	
Parliament	A group of people with authority to run the state.	
Constitution	An agreed set of rules and laws that the government make, not the Monarchy.	
Succession	The order in which a Monarchs family will take over the throne.	
Religion	The belief and worship of a God.	
Noble	A person of noble rank or birth.	
Reign	The period of rule of a monarch.	

There is a tapestry, called the Bayeux Tapestry. It shows the Battle of Hastings and Harold being killed by an arrow in his eye! William the Conqueror won this battle and became King.



The wives of Henry VIII			
1509 - 1533	Catherine of Aragon	Divorced	
1533 - 1536	Anne Boleyn	Beheaded	
1536 - 1537	Jane Seymour	Died	
1540 - 1540	Anne of Cleves	Divorced	
1540 - 1541	Catherine Howard	Beheaded	
1543 - 1547	Catherine Parr	Survived	

Key Figures		
William the Conqueror	He came from France and killed King Harold in 1066, during the Battle of Hastings.	
Henry VIII	He split England from the Catholic Church and created the Church of England.	
Richard III	His death at the Battle of Bosworth (War of the Roses) marked the end of the Middle Ages in England.	
John	He was forced to sign the Magna Carta by his ad- visors. By signing it, this meant that monarchs had to listen to their advisers.	
Charles II	He was made king after the restoration of the monarchy. Charles reintroduced singing, theatre and parties after they were forbidden by Oliver Cromwell during the Protectorate.	
Edward I	He battled to bring Wales under his rule, and named his first son 'Prince of Wales' a tradition that has continued ever since.	
Elizabeth I	Her reign was known as the 'Golden Age'. During this time, lots of famous writers, such as William Shakespeare, wrote lots of plays.	
Elizabeth II	Our current Queen. She is been the longest serving monarch.	