








Knowledge Organiser

Year 4 - Spring Term B

Charles I & the Civil War

Key people	
Charles I	A bad king who made bad decisions. Angered a lot of people and started the English Civil War
Oliver Cromwell	Leader of the New Model Army. He was the MP for Cambridge, he had a house in Ely and he ruled the country as Lord Protector after Charles I's execution.
Charles II	Charles I's son who returned from hiding and restored the monarchy after England spent 11 years as a republic

Key vocabulary	
Taxation	Taking part of the money people earn to pay for things a country needs
Divine right of kings	A belief that a ruler is accountable only to God
Monarchy	A country with a king or queen
Republic	A country ruled without a king or queen
Civil War	A war where people in a country fight others in the same country
Roundhead	Supporters of Parliament in England's Civil War
Cavalier	Supporters of the King in England's Civil War
Puritan	Strict Christians who wanted simple, pure worship of God as their way of life

				
Queen Elizabeth I 1558-1603 Fought the Spanish, died with no heir	James I (James VI) 1603-1626 Well-educated, believed in the divine right of Kings, 1 <sup>st</sup> ruler of Scotland, England and Wales	Charles I 1626-1649 Caused the Civil War	Oliver Cromwell ruled 1653-1658 Not a king – England had no king after Charles' execution	Charles II 1660-1685 Charles I's son, returned from hiding and restored the monarchy