

Famous Queens

History

Year 1/2

Lesson 5 of 7

Learning Objective	Resources	
To explore the life of Queen Elizabeth II.	Slides Worksheet 5B/5C Badge Templates Symbol Sheet Jubilee Fact Sheet Royal Family Picture Cards (for FSD? activity only) Royal Family Name Cards (for FSD? activity only) Royal Family Tree (for FSD? activity only)	
Teaching Input		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask children if they can remember the famous queens they have already learnt about. Explain that after Victoria died, kings took over the throne until a new queen was crowned. Ask them if they know who the new queen was and reveal that it is Queen Elizabeth II. She is still alive today. What do you know about Queen Elizabeth II? Invite children to share their ideas. Discuss with your class a brief biography of Queen Elizabeth II and talk about the royal family. Explain how she uses Buckingham Palace and that she spends her weekends at Windsor Castle. Discuss with your class that the countries of the British Empire are now known as the Commonwealth. Elizabeth II visits these countries regularly. Discuss what a jubilee is again to remind your class. Explain that Elizabeth II has celebrated her silver, golden and diamond jubilees. Go through the slides explaining how the three jubilees were celebrated in England and around the world. 		
Main Activity		
<u>Lower ability:</u> Provide children with Badge Templates and the Symbol Sheet. Children are to choose a badge to cut out. They need to decide whether they want to make a silver, golden or diamond jubilee badge. Once decided, children need to decorate the badge. They can use the symbol sheet to help them get ideas.	<u>Middle ability:</u> Provide children with worksheet 5B. On this worksheet children need to create a jubilee postcard. They need to draw a picture and write some sentences/words of how the jubilee was celebrated. The Jubilee Fact Sheet may help children here.	<u>Higher ability:</u> Provide children with worksheet 5C. They are to pretend they were in England for the Queen's jubilee. They need to write a recount explaining what they did in that day. The sentence starters will help them to form their sentences.
Fancy something different...?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask children to work in small groups or individually to create a poster showing the royal family tree. Provide children with A3 paper, felts, glue and scissors. Provide the Royal Family Picture Cards and Royal Family Name Cards and invite children to cut them out. Children are to create the family tree using the cut out pictures and captions. Provide the completed Royal Family Tree to guide groups or individual children. An alternative for less able children would be to just match the images to the captions instead of creating a tree poster. 		
Plenary	Assessment Questions	
Show some of the Commonwealth countries' flags on the last slide. Ask children if they think these countries would celebrate the Queen's jubilees. If so how would they celebrate it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can children explain who Queen Elizabeth II is and the royal family? Do children know what a jubilee is and why it is celebrated? Can children explain how events were celebrated in the past? 	