

# HISTORY: Year 8 Autumn Half Term 2: English Civil War (Causes & Events); the Interregnum

## What are we learning about?

We are learning about James I's son, Charles, and the varied causes of the English Civil War. We will then use this to understand the events of the Civil War, before inquiring into the only time a King has been beheaded in England. We will then look at the Interregnum (time without a King).



## Why are we learning about it?

The Civil War – and Parliament's victory in it – has shaped life ever since. It is because of the Civil War that the Queen holds no real power. We need to study this to understand why Britain is the way it is today – but also why the position of Monarch still exists.



## What new KNOWLEDGE will I gain?

- Causes of the Civil War
- Propaganda in the Civil War
- Significant battles near York
- Trial and Execution of Charles I
- How Oliver Cromwell became Lord Protector
- Cromwell and Ireland
- The End of the Interregnum



**CONFLICT**



**SOCIETY**



**POWER**



## How does this build on the SKILLS I already have?

We will continue to develop our skill and sophistication within the use of Second Order Concepts. These will be embedded throughout and build on our use of them in Year 7.



## What new SKILLS will I develop?

We will develop our use of the Second Order Concepts;  
SIGNIFICANCE  
CHANGE AND CONTINUITY  
CAUSATION  
CONSEQUENCES  
COMPARISON  
CHRONOLOGY  
SOURCES/INTERPRETATIONS



## How does this build on the KNOWLEDGE I already have?

This builds on your knowledge of Elizabeth and James' power struggles, particularly with religion. You will see how conflict is different when fought within a country rather than against a country, as with the Spanish Armada. Your knowledge of religion will be vital this half term.