



# The Tudors

1485-1603



# The War of the Roses



- Richard III was defeated at the Battle of Bosworth in 1485 by Henry VII.
- Henry VII became king of England.
- This was the start of the Tudor period.



Richard III  
of York



Henry Tudor  
of Lancaster

# Henry VIII

- Henry VII died in 1509.
- His son Henry VIII becomes king.
- Two months after becoming king he marries Catherine of Aragon.
- This was the first of six wives he would have in his lifetime.



- Henry VIII battled for the church to allow him to divorce Catherine of Aragon.
- In 1533 this was granted and he married Anne Boleyn shortly after doing so.
- Unfortunately, only a few years later, Henry VIII ordered for Anne Boleyn to be executed as he wished to marry Jane Seymour.



Anne Boleyn –  
Henry VIII 2<sup>nd</sup>  
wife

# The Mary Rose



- Not everybody liked Henry VIII and some countries wanted to invade England.
- In 1545 the French attempted to invade England by sea in the Battle of the Solent, but the English fought back.
- Although one of the English's biggest ships, The Mary Rose, sunk they still won the battle.



# Edward VI and Mary I

- Henry VIII died in 1547.
- His only son, Edward VI, therefore became king at only 9 years old.
- Sadly, Edward VI died at the age of 16.
- Henry VIII's daughter, Mary I becomes queen in 1553.



Edward VI



Mary I

# Elizabeth I



- Mary I died in 1558.
- Another of Henry VIII's daughters then became queen – Elizabeth I.
- She is one of the most famous queens in English history.

# The Spanish Armada



- In 1588 the Spanish wanted to invade England.
- They sent large ships to the English Channel, but Elizabeth I ordered our Navy to fight back.
- Although the Spanish ships were bigger, the wind blew many of them onto the rocks and they were sunk.
- The English won the battle.

# The end of the Tudors

- Elizabeth I died in 1603 after 45 years on the throne.
- She had no husband or children to succeed her this meant the Tudor period in history was over.
- Many people call her reign the Golden Age of English History as so many great things happened during that time.

# The Tudor Family Tree

