

## Year 2 History

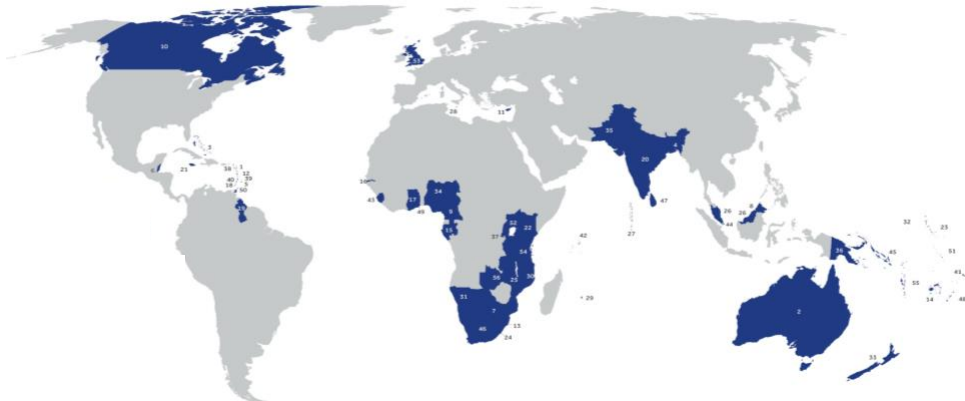
### Why was Queen Elizabeth II a significant monarch for the Commonwealth?

By the end of this unit, I will know:

- Queen Elizabeth II was born in 1926.
- Definition of coronation.
- Definition of commonwealth.
- She was the longest reigning monarch (from 1953-2022).
- That our monarch is the head of the Church of England.



 The Commonwealth



## Queen Elizabeth II



Queen Elizabeth II was born Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor in Mayfair, London on 21st April 1926.

She was Britain's longest reigning monarch.

### Key Vocabulary

<b>Monarch</b>	A head of state, usually a king or queen.
<b>Commonwealth</b>	A group of 56 independent and equal countries.
<b>Coronation</b>	The crowning ceremony of a monarch.
<b>Reign</b>	The period of time a monarch rules for.
<b>Significant</b>	Someone or something of importance or worthy of attention.

Princess Elizabeth became queen on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1952 when her father, King George VI, died.

Her coronation was 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953.

She was head of state of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth realms.

Queen Elizabeth II died on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, age 96.



**Roots to grow, wings to fly:  
Growing, Flourishing, Soaring**