## The Tudors

The Tudor period lasted from 1485-1603. It began with the Battle of Bosworth where Henry Tudor defeated King Richard III. It ended when Queen Elizabeth I died without any children as an heir.

The Tudors were superstitious people who believed in witchcraft and spells. They often performed rituals to try and keep themselves safe. The Tudors had a number of rules for how you were supposed to behave when eating.

Henry VIII changed Christian religion in England. As he wanted a divorce, he left the Catholic church and ruled that the country should be Protestant.

There were many options for entertainment in Tudor times. Theatres were very popular, and the work of William Shakespeare is still enjoyed today.

Henry VIII was one of the most famous Tudor monarchs. As he desperately wanted a son to be his heir, he married six times, sometimes executing his wives if they were not to his liking.

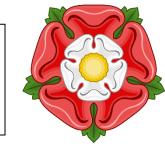
Due to advances in shipbuilding techniques, explorers from Tudor England and Europe began to travel much further around the world.

This brought new goods back home and made England rich and powerful.



Tudor diets depended upon how rich a person one. Rich people ate lots of meat and few vegetables. Poor people ate lots of vegetables and not much meat.





## Key Vocabulary

Tudar Period: A period that lasted from 1485-1603 when kings and queens named Tudor ruled England. Monarchy: A way of ruling a country where there is a king or queen in charge. King: A man who is the ruler of a country. Queen: A woman who is the ruler of a country. Family: A group of people who are related to each other, like parents and children. Dynasty: A big family that has been ruling a country for many years. Heir: A person who will become king or queen after the current one. Henry VIII: A famous king of England who had six wives. Divorce: When two people who are married decide not to be married anymore. **Execute**: To punish someone by ending their life. Christianity: A religion where people believe in Jesus Christ. Catholic: Christians who follow the Pope in Rome. Protestant: Christians who do not follow the Pope and have different beliefs from Catholics. Rome: A city in Italy where the Pope lives. Pope: The leader of the Catholic Church. Superstitious: Believing that certain things can bring good or bad luck. Witchcraft: Using magic powers, often thought to be bad or scary. Spells: Magic words or actions to make something happen. Ritual: A special way of doing something, often for religious reasons. Shipbuilding: The work of making big boats. Galleon: A large, strong ship used a long time ago. Explore: To go to new places to learn about them. Europe: A big area of land with many countries, like England and France. New World: The name people used for America when they first found it. Goods: Things that people buy and sell. **Diet**: The kinds of food that people eat. Rich: Having a lot of money and nice things. Poor: Not having much money or nice things. Manners: Being polite and nice to other people. Entertainment: Things people do for fun, like games and shows. Theatre: A place where people go to watch plays and performances. William Shakespeare: A famous writer who wrote many plays a long time ago.