

Leesons Primary School – Knowledge Organiser

History Focus

The Civil War

Year 4

When? (Key Knowledge)

1629	Charles I dissolved parliament and rules without them. He raised money through taxing people..
1640	Charles was forced to recall parliament as needed money to fight the Scots.
1644	Battles of Marston Moor – Charles defeated parliament
1645	New model army created
1645	Parliament defeated Charles.
1648	Battles of Preston
1649	Execution of Charles I

Background Information

To understand who the two different sides during the civil war were, and why the roundheads won. To consider why Parliament decided to kill Charles I.

To find out why the people wanted Charles II to return to England and become King.

To investigate why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly through the city.

To understand what was so 'glorious' about 1688 To understand why the Bill of Rights was passed.

What? (Key vocab)

Spelling	Definition
Cavalier	The nickname given to the Royalists, who fought for the King
Roundhead	The nickname given to those who fought for Parliament; many Puritans wore their hair very short / cropped
Civil war	A war between different groups within the same country
Republicans	This group was led by Oliver Cromwell, believed that Parliament should rule the country
New Model Army	Fulltime. Highly disciplined, professional army set up by Oliver Cromwell; Puritan; vital in defeating Charles I

Diagrams and Symbols



Who?

Oliver Cromwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed the New Model Army • Republican • Defeated the king
Samuel Pepys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrote a diary about The Great Fire of London