Parliament and Prime Ministers

Timeline

1685 — James II is king

1689 — Mary and William sign the Declaration of Rights

1714 — George I is King

1721 — Robert Walpole becomes Prime Minister

Portraits

King James II

William and Mary

Robert Walpole — considered to be the first Prime Minister

Liz Truss — the current Prime Minister

KEY VOCABULARY

Term	Definition
Declaration of Rights	an important piece of **paper that said the British Parliament could make laws** and guide the King and Queen: William and Mary signed it when they became King and Queen
parliament	a group of people **chosen to represent the people** who live in a country (the parliament make decisions for the people)
election	when **people choose** who they would like to be in parliament
Prime Minister	the **leader** of the government
government	the group of people who make up the **leading political party in the parliament**
political party	a group of **people who work together** to gain power in parliament
vote	a **choice, marked on a piece of paper** with a cross
budget	the government's **plan to spend money** on things the country needs
services	**things that the government provide** for the country, e.g. schools, hospitals, the police force and the fire service