

Royal Tea by Benjamin Zephaniah

I went to Buckingham Palace today,
to see the where the Queen and her family stay.
I went to Buckingham Palace today,
to see the Queen's horses and men.
The Queen had gone shopping, her friend let us in,
a very big chap with a very big grin.
He put all the money I had in a tin,
security checked me and then he showed me a picture 300 years old,
kept in a frame made of valuable gold.
I told him I had one just like it indoors
and that I may sell it to help a good cause.
A chandelier hasten price was nice,
I said my one better and it has a price.
I went in a big room and saw a big throne,
just like the one my Mum has at home.
I saw carpets on walls that were not for sale,
I met the man who sorts out Royal Mail.
I went in the room where the Queen has her balls
and in there I saw some more carpets on walls.
On high polished floors I had a good slide,
I got a good telling off from the guide.

That very big chap with a very big grin
now looked even bigger and was not smiling.
I said in his ear that I need to
pay a quick visit to the Royal loo.
It took 15 minutes to get myself there,
up on the loo door it said Kilroy was ere.
Cameras filmed me I returned to reception,
I signed autographs for my royal connections.
I left a note for the Queen sayin she can,
visit me anytime she's in Eastham.
I went to Buckingham Palace today,
to see the where the Queen and her family stay.
I went to Buckingham Palace today,
to see Royal things old and new.
It cost me £8.50 but no need to worry
if you visit me you don't need any money.
There's no OBE's but there is fresh tea and honey.
And I can take photos of you.

Reading —Royal Tea

Monday

Read and listen to Royal Tea on YouTube. It will help to listen to this so you can hear the accent of the author.

Retrieval questions.

Where is the poem set?

Where has the Queen gone?

Name two people that poet met during his visit.

What did he notice was hanging off the walls?

Find and copy a word that describes the floors the poet slid around on.

How much did it cost to visit Buckingham Palace?

Tuesday

Pick out any words which interest you and you would like to find out more about. Here are few that we found:

Vocabulary

valuable

grin

throne

polished

loo

Can you write these words on post it notes and stick them round the house? You could ask an adult to help you with a definition to these words. Every time you see one, could you say the definition out loud?

Wednesday

Creative task –

Do you think the man in the text is quite silly? Have a think about some of the things that he shouldn't be doing in Buckingham Palace. Can you draw some of those things?

Don't forget to send some of your ideas to our Padlet for us to see!

Thursday and Friday

1. Why does the big chap/ man with the very big grin stop smiling?

2. Find and copy a word that means the same as or similar to being expensive.

3. Do you think the man will be allowed to visit Buckingham Palace again?

Explain your answer.

4. Can you sequence these events from the poem into the correct order? 1-4

The man is filmed by cameras and signs autographs.

The big chap put all of the man's money in a tin.

The man slid along the high polished floor.

The man visited the royal loo.