



# The Royal Road

*Come and explore a world of Kings,  
Queens and Palaces on Wheels!*

**Children's Activity Trail**  
Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

**STEAM**   
Museum of the Great Western Railway



## Instructions:

**Head through the Museum entrance, past the Offices and Stores and into the Foundry.**

Our trail begins here in the dark, grimy surroundings of the Foundry! “What has this got to do with Kings and Queens?” - I hear you ask. In 1924 King George V and Queen Mary visited the Foundry at Swindon Works. They were given a demonstration of how to cast a metal object.

Looking around the Foundry can you find the name of the maker of the ‘Cupola’?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_



### Photo Fact!

This image of Queen Mary (left) and King George V (2<sup>nd</sup> right) was taken in 1924 during their visit to Swindon Works.

**Now walk around the corner into the Pattern Store.**

Can you find the bell shaped wooden pattern? This pattern was used to cast the bell on the front of the locomotive, *King George V* (named after the King at the time).

What colour is the bell pattern?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_



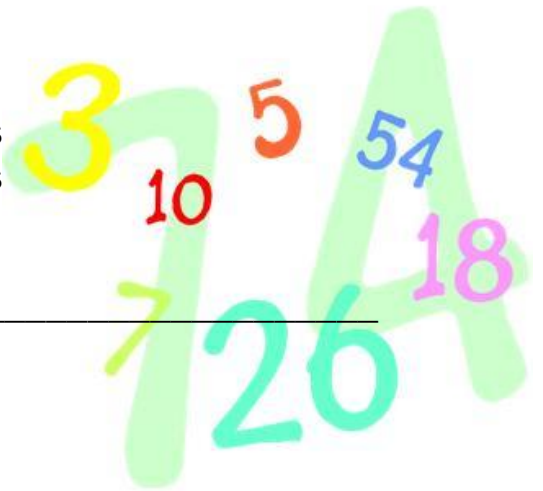
## Continue through the Museum until you reach the locomotive, *Caerphilly Castle*.

The locomotive was named after the castle in Wales that was built by a friend of King Henry III, Baron Gilbert le Clare. The Great Western Railway named many of their locomotives after Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses and castles.



Now for some number crunching!

- Find the number of *Caerphilly Castle*.
- Now add to this the number of wheels
- Finally add the number of nameplates



What is your final answer? \_\_\_\_\_

## Now head through Box Tunnel and past the figure of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Just to the left of *North Star* is a tide gauge.

The gauge was used by Brunel to measure the tide of the Tamar River which flows underneath the Royal Albert Bridge. Brunel designed the bridge to link Devon with Cornwall. It was opened in 1859 and named after Prince Albert. But who was Prince Albert?

Was he...

- A. Queen Victoria's Father
- B. Queen Victoria's Husband
- C. Queen Victoria's Son

Answer \_\_\_\_\_





**STOP PRESS! The Royal Train is on its way. Head to the Signal Box and divert all the other trains on the track...**

**Did you let the Royal Train pass safely?**



● Photo Fact! This image was taken in 1897 and is of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee train.

**Well, what a lot of excitement! Lets continue. Find the Station Platform building and we will take a rest here.**

Inside the Station Platform building you will see the *Royal Road* exhibition. Find the clock in the display case. It came from Queen Victoria's Royal Waiting Room. But at what station?

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_



**We are nearing the end of our Royal journey.  
Head down the Station Platform and round to  
Speed to the West.**

On the right hand wall past the green hut are some Royal nameplates. How many can you spot? Write your answers below.

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**Our final task ends back in the main reception area. When you pass through the exit doors look up and you will see a Royal Coat of Arms. There is another one above the entrance doors.**



**Photo Fact!**  
**The Coat of Arms  
were used to  
decorate the Royal  
Trains**

Can you name either one, or both, of the animals on the Coat of Arms? *Clue – one of the animals is a mythical creature!*

**Answer** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Well done!**  
**Now go to the Ticket Desk to get your answer sheet.**

