

Our Special Visit to the Houses of Parliament



At St- Giles our vision is Learn To Love-Love To Learn.
We visited the Houses of Parliament to learn about
our British Values.

British values are:

democracy; the rule of law; individual liberty;
mutual respect for and tolerance of those with
different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

Article 2 (non-discrimination) The convention applies
to all children without discrimination , whatever their
gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status,
whatever they think or say or what their family
background is.

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'You must love one another as I have loved you.' John 13 v 34.

Learn to Love - Love to Learn



How we understand democracy?



Democracy (noun)

The word democracy comes from the Greek word demos which means people and kratos which means rule. **Rule of the people!**



• **Democracy**

Britain is a democracy - this means that the people in Britain vote for the people who make the laws and decide how the country is run. If we didn't have a democracy, just one person might be able to make all the laws and that would not be fair.



Democracy

The United Kingdom (UK) is a democracy.



The people of the UK choose who runs the country and makes the laws.

Democracy means that everyone has a say in what happens. We practice democracy at St Giles.

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child) Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

It means 'power of the people' – all people can be involved.



Discovery Of The UK Parliament



Parliament is made up of three groups: the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch. Does anyone know what the Monarch is?

This room with the green chairs is called The House Of Commons. The room with the red chairs is called The House Of Lords.

The Houses of Parliament is a building. Sometimes it is called the Palace of Westminster. Where is the Palace of Westminster?



What happens at an election?

General elections usually take place every five years. People who are 18 and over have the chance to vote to choose their local MP. This happens at a polling station and choosing from a list of people who want to be elected. If somebody finds it difficult to get to a polling station, they can vote by post as well.



Voting

- Most MPs belong to a political party, a group of people who have similar ideas about how they want to run the UK. Before an election, they will try to persuade people to vote for them by explaining why they think their ideas are better than everyone else's.



Imagine you are an MP and wanting to become Prime Minister -how would you persuade the public to vote for you?



VOTE FOR ME!

Article 13: [freedom of expression]
Every child must be free to express their thoughts.



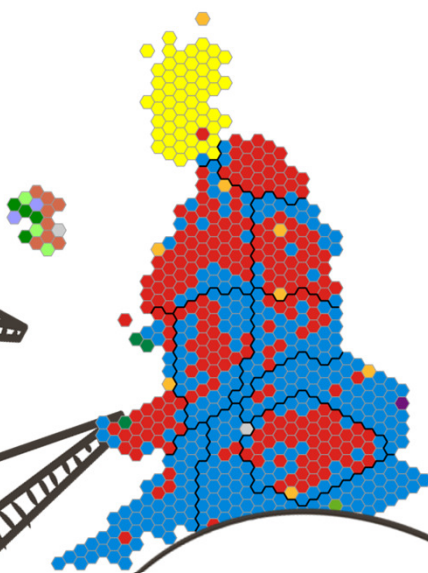
What does constituency mean?

A constituency
is a place
where people
live and every
MP represents
it.

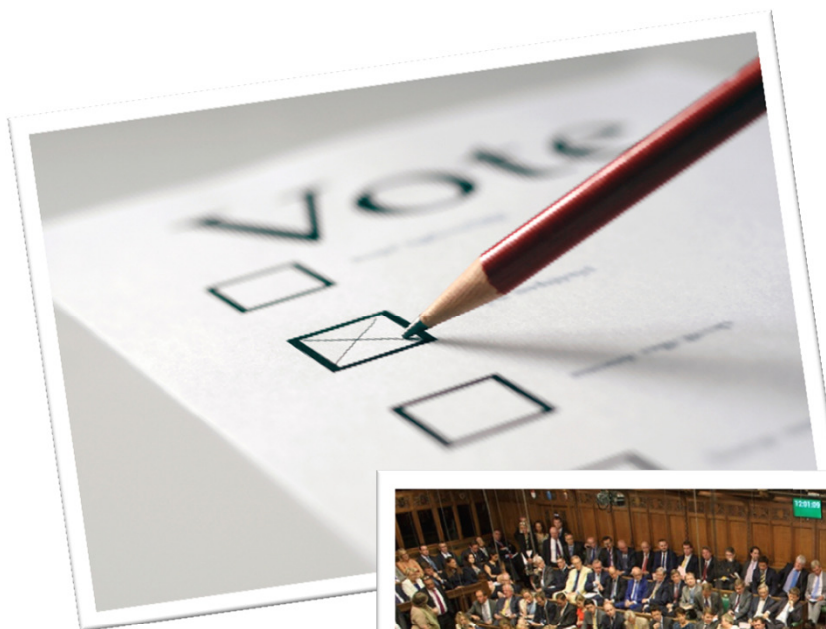
There are 650
parts of the UK.
Every part is
called a
constituency.

People who
live in this area
are called
constituents

Each
constituency
has one person
who represents
them in
Parliament.



Member of Parliament (MP)



Adults vote for the person they want to be the **MP** in their constituency.

MP is short for **Member of Parliament**. They meet in the **House of Commons**.



Most **MPs** are part of a political party, a group with similar ideas.

Representation



MPs speak up for their local area (constituency) in Parliament.

MPs listen to people's ideas and problems.



They go to local events and help people who live in their constituency.

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister is an MP.



The Prime Minister chooses and leads the government.



The leader of the party with the most MPs is the Prime Minister. As many people know Boris Johnson is our current Prime Minister.

The government is 120 MPs who look after different areas of life.

Brexit – The Dreaded Word

As you know, Brexit is meant to take place on the 31st of October and was first introduced by David Cameron who was the Prime Minister – 2010 to 2014. Ever since people have started to doubt Brexit and Theresa May (the Prime Minister after David Cameron) could not handle it and stepped down from the role of PM. Boris Johnson, who some people think is doing a really bad job, is trying to make sure that we, the UK, leave the EU.

What do you think about Brexit?



What does the House of Lords look like?

The House of Lords is the second Chamber of the UK Parliament.

Lords and baronesses meet in the House of Lords.

Did you know , A female member of the House of Lords is called a Baroness.

Most of the Lords are chosen because they are experts. There are doctors, soldiers, scientists, writers, teachers, police officers, sportspeople and many other professional people.

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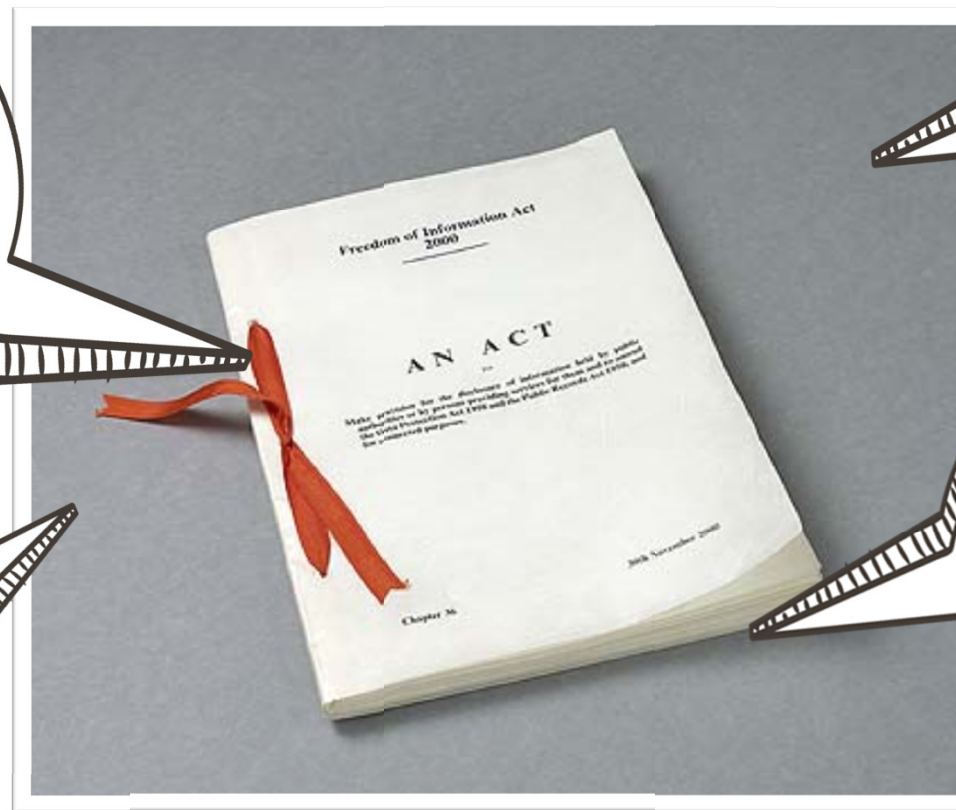


**What do members of the House of Lords do?
Members of the House of Lords ask questions, debate important issues and suggest changes to plans as laws.**

Do you know what Legislate means?

Legislate means to make a law. Before an idea becomes a law, it is called a 'bill'.

They vote to decide on the idea.



MPs and Lords debate or discuss the idea.

Did you know that there are many laws made.



Scrutiny



Scrutiny is another word for checking.

A teacher checks our work to make sure it's the best it can be.



MPs and Lords ask each other questions to scrutinise and check their work.

Facts and a quiz about Parliament!

- Did you know that Parliament keeps a Hawk and it is used to shoo off any pigeons so that they don't do their business on Parliament and that is how it is kept so clean .
- There are 800 members of the houses of lords and about 650 MP's!
- **Do you know who is the current Monarch?**

• Thank you for listening

