



UK Parliament and the Government

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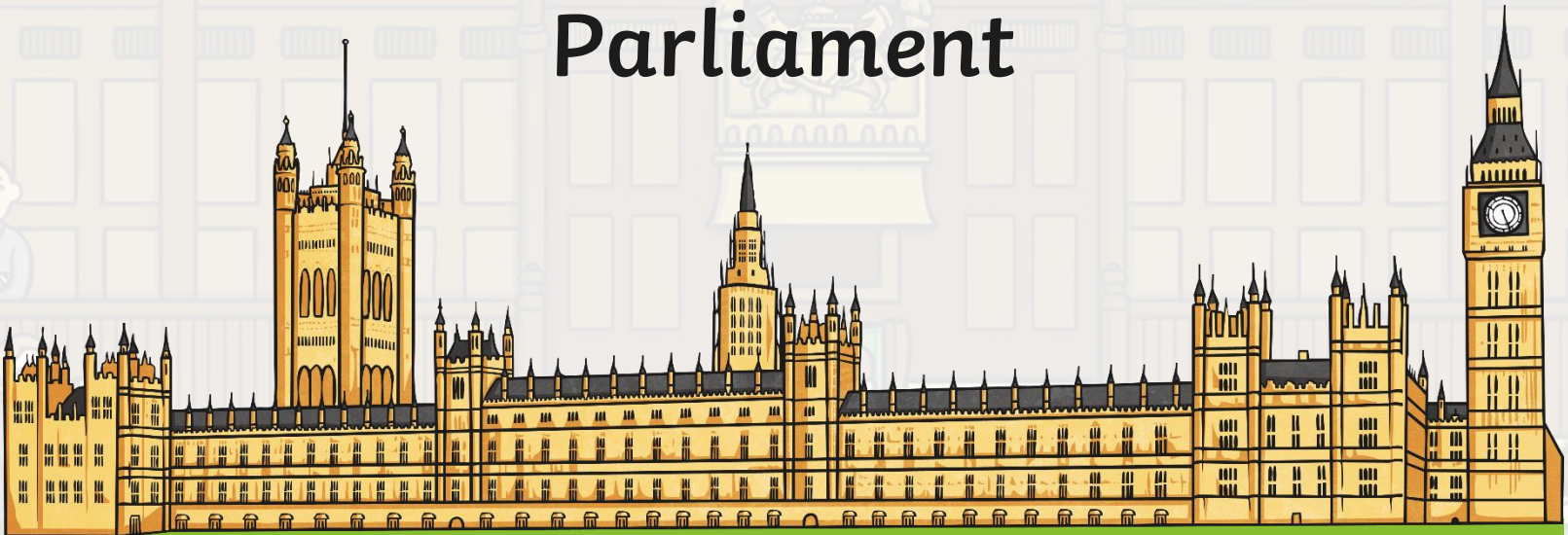
**Let me introduce you to our
School Learning Parliament!**



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Parliament



The UK Parliament is the place where Members of Parliament (MPs) meet to make decisions and pass laws. Parliament makes sure that the government are running the country properly.

The UK Parliament is made up of the Monarch (king or queen), the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Houses of Parliament

The clock tower is one of London's most famous landmarks and is nicknamed Big Ben.

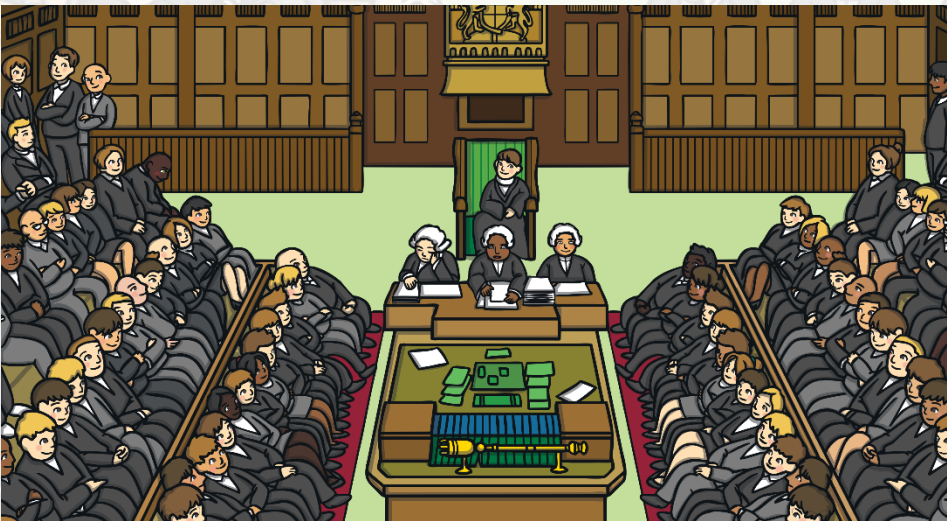


The House of Lords and the House of Commons meet in the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London.

King Charles III

The King is the head of state.

The King opens parliament each year, but because Britain has a constitutional monarchy it means the King does not exercise any political power.



House of Lords

The Peers meet in the southern part of the Palace of Westminster.



The House of Lords is where peers meet. They check that new laws are fair.

Each member has either inherited a family title or has been given a title to recognise their good work in a certain area.

House of Commons

The Members meet in the northern part of the Palace of Westminster.



The House of Commons is where the Members of Parliament (MPs) meet.

Each MP has been elected by the people in their constituency (local area).

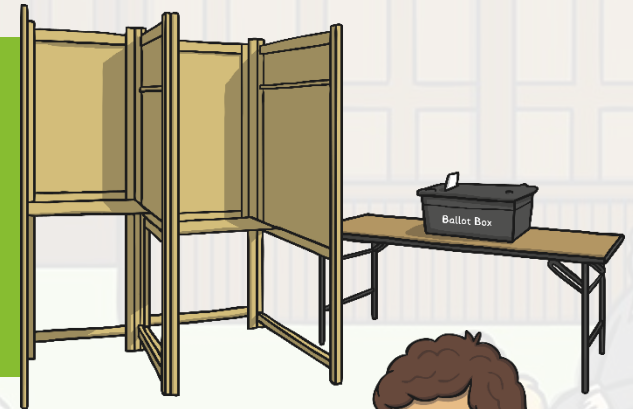
Most MPs belong to a political party, although a very small number are independent.



Elections

Every 5 years, a general election is called by the Prime Minister.

In the UK, each adult can vote for a politician in their constituency (local area) to represent them in the House of Commons.



The majority of politicians belong to a political party.



The political party which wins the majority of the seats forms the government. The leader of that political party becomes the Prime Minister.



**Our current Prime Minister is
Keir Starmer**



The Government

The Government is led by the Prime Minister.
The Prime Minister belongs to the political party with the majority of the seats.



The Prime Minister chooses their team of ministers from their party to lead the work on important areas of the country's business, such as trade and education.



These ministers are called the Cabinet and help the Prime Minister to run the country.

Watch the video

https://youtu.be/WD-_5soZecE?list=PLj3mInRJqIenOXr-MBofkcfkBeqg1FY9T

Quiz

What are the three parts of UK Parliament?

- 1) House of Commons, House of Lords, monarch
- 2) Government, House of Commons, monarch
- 3) 10 Downing Street, House of Commons, monarch

What Does Parliament Do?

The main work of Parliament is to:

- check and challenge the work of the Government;
- make and change laws;
- debate the important issues of the day.



The issues discussed in Parliament affect us all and include health, the environment, transport, jobs, schools and crime.

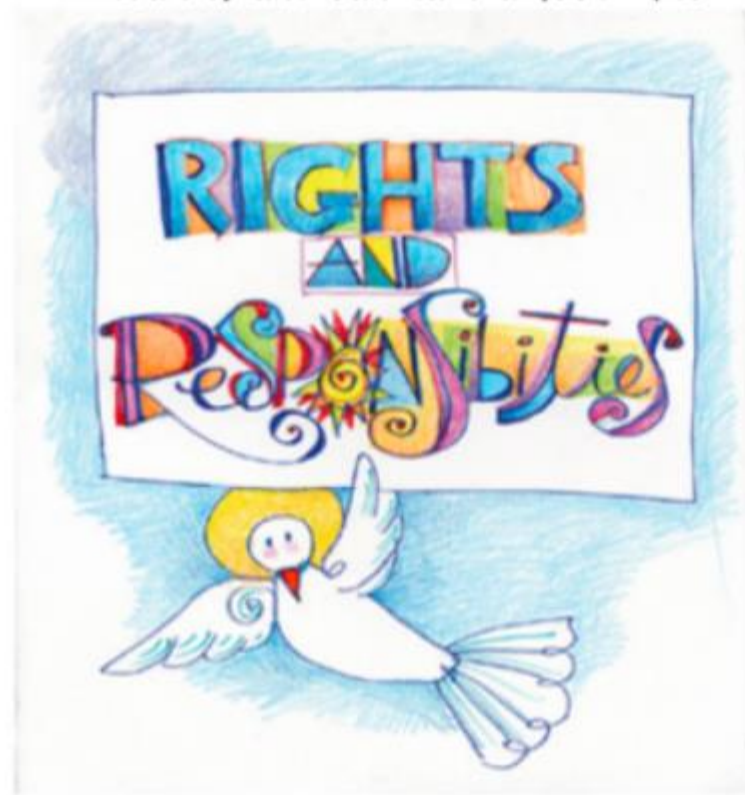
Jesus said,
“Love your
neighbour
as
yourself.”

Mark 12:31



Rights and responsibility

God wants us to help make sure that everyone is safe and healthy and can have a good life.



How might we encounter Christ? - by loving
and serving others in our lives and work?



FRATELLI TUTTI

Pope Francis, in his third encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, encourages us to dream as one global family sharing our common home.

“Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.” n 8



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BUNTING IDEAS

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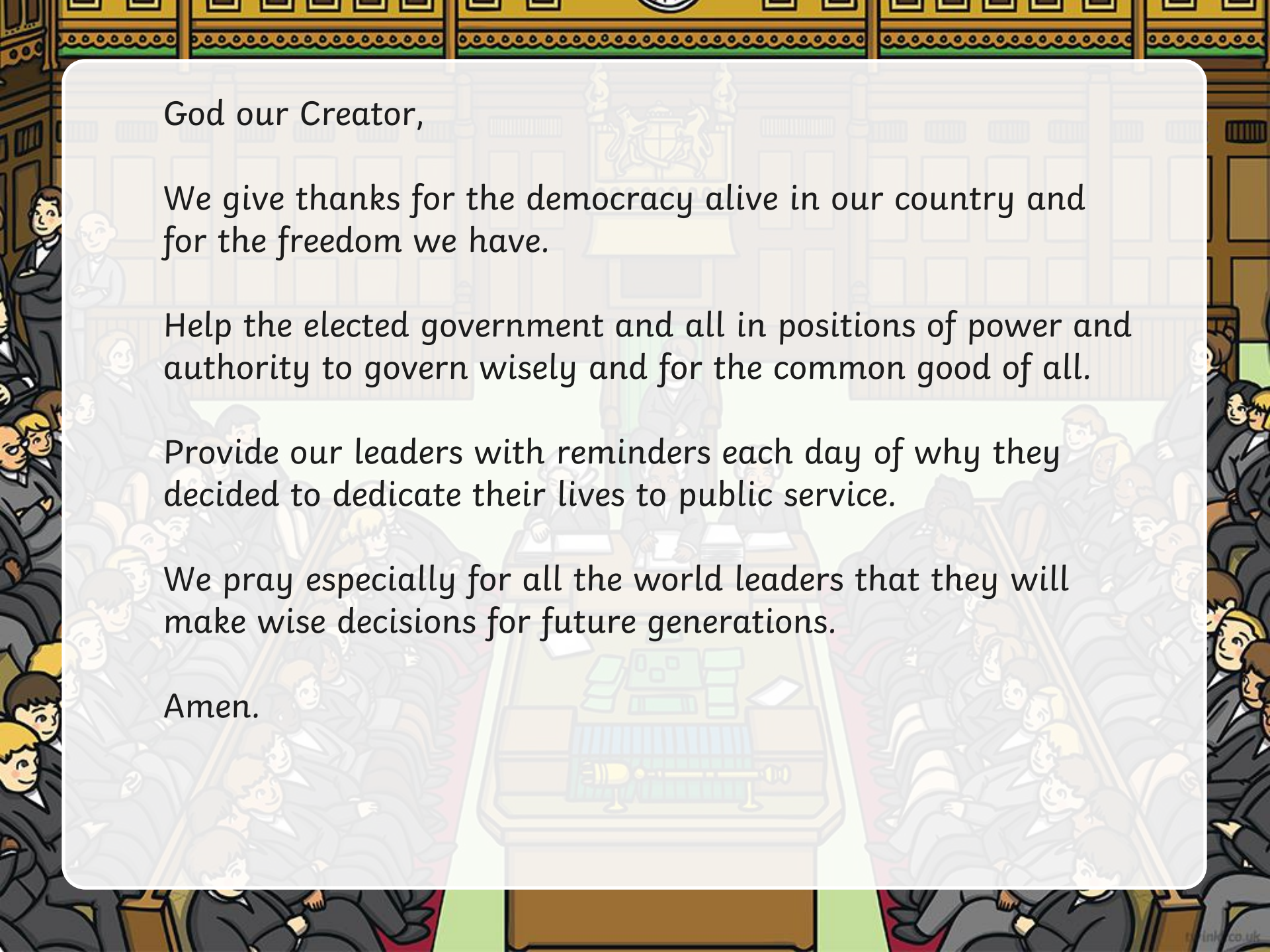
- Different UK Parliament facts you've learnt.
- Democratic actions you plan to take.
- Issues you feel passionate about.

TAKE IT FURTHER

Decorate each person with a letter or word from a slogan to spell out a sentence. For example 'ban single use plastics to save our seas!'

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God our Creator,

We give thanks for the democracy alive in our country and for the freedom we have.

Help the elected government and all in positions of power and authority to govern wisely and for the common good of all.

Provide our leaders with reminders each day of why they decided to dedicate their lives to public service.

We pray especially for all the world leaders that they will make wise decisions for future generations.

Amen.



