

Democracy



Who Rules Britain?



The Queen?



The People?



The Police?

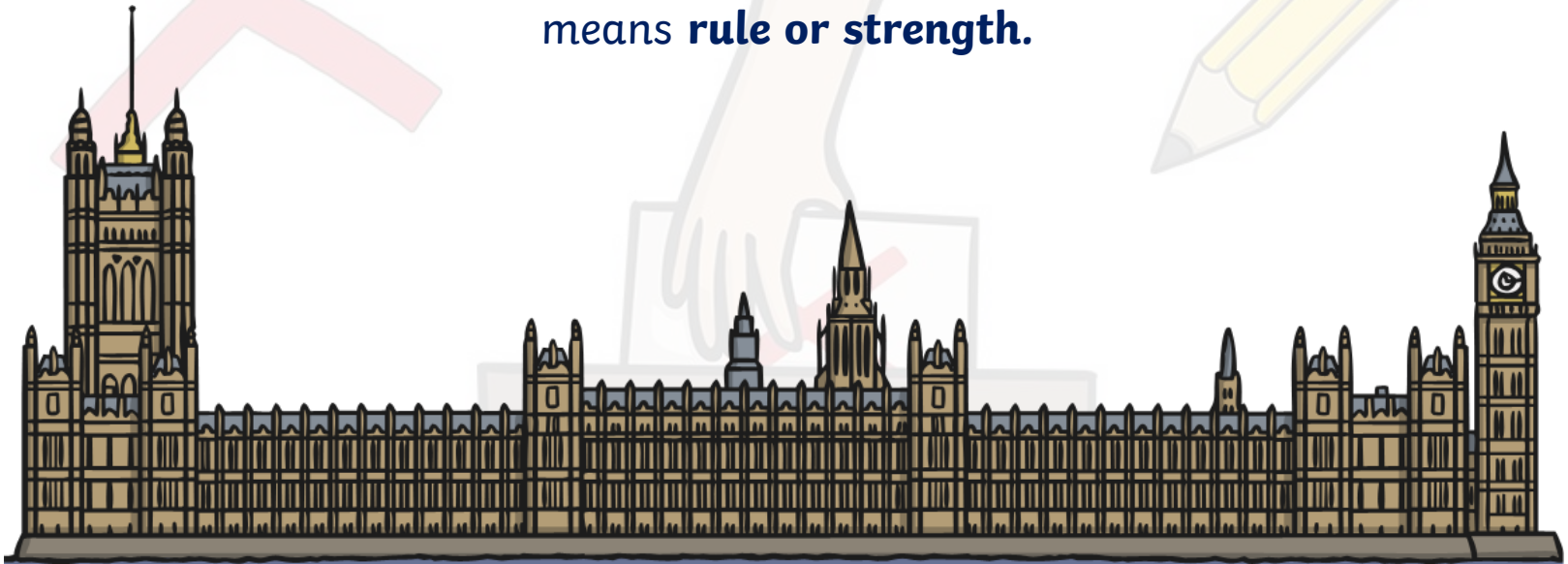


The Army?

What Is a Democracy?

We have a political system that is called a democracy.

Democracy means '**rule by the people**'. It comes from the Greek words **dêmos**, which means people, and **krátos** which means **rule or strength**.



This means that our country is ruled by the people.

Ruled by the People?

What do you think this means?

Do we get to decide on the rules?



What Does Democracy Mean?

In the United Kingdom, we hold an **election** to choose someone to **represent** us.

Most **candidates** who 'stand' for election belong to a political party – a group of people who share similar beliefs.

Together, people who belong to the party agree on changes they will make if they are elected. These are called **policies**.

The leaders of the political parties share their main policies with members of the public.










Sir Keir Starmer
Labour



How is a Political Party Elected?

Every citizen should listen to the policies of the different parties and candidates. Then they should decide on who to vote for.

People must be 18 or over to take part in an election.

VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY		
1	KHAYUM Aad Khayum 79 Fyfe Road, Sheffield S10 6HY Labour Party Candidate	 Labour
2	MACK Simon Mack 134 Lydford Lane, Crookes, Sheffield S10 4LD Green Party	 Green Party
3	FROST Ian Frost 301 Burnt Stone Drive, Sheffield S10 6TJ Liberal Democrat	 LIBERAL DEMOCRATS
4	HOYES Saeed Hoyes 43 Wainwright Road, Sheffield S10 7BN The Conservative Party Candidate	 Conservatives
5	HAYWARD Bea Hayward 78a Woodhouse Way, Sheffield S10 2AL UK Independence Party (UKIP)	 UKIP

Each person votes for the candidate of his or her choice. They do this by putting a 'X' cross beside the person's name on the ballot paper.

At the end of the election day, the votes are added up. The candidate with the highest number of votes (the majority) is declared the winner.



Our Ministerial Roles at Abbey Gates will be:

1. Prime Minister (Y6 only)
2. Treasurer
3. Education Minister
4. Kindness Minister
5. Play Minister
6. Community Minister
7. Diversity Minister
8. Possibilities Minister



We need you!

We need some amazing people to be part of our Pupil Parliament!

- Do you want to make our school even better?
 - Are you hardworking and reliable?
- Are you prepared to give up some time?
 - Are you a good listener?
- Do you respect the opinion of others?
- Are you confident to speak out in public?
 - Are you determined?
 - Are you a good role model?



Would you like to be elected by your class? Think carefully about which Ministerial role would be most suitable for you.

Talk to your teacher and they will explain how you might be chosen to be one of your class MPs this year!

What will happen now?

1. Discuss the Pupil Parliament in your class
2. Prepare your speech / manifesto at home
3. Practice your speech
4. **Wed 11th or Thurs 12th** present in front of your class



5. **Friday 13th September** results day

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