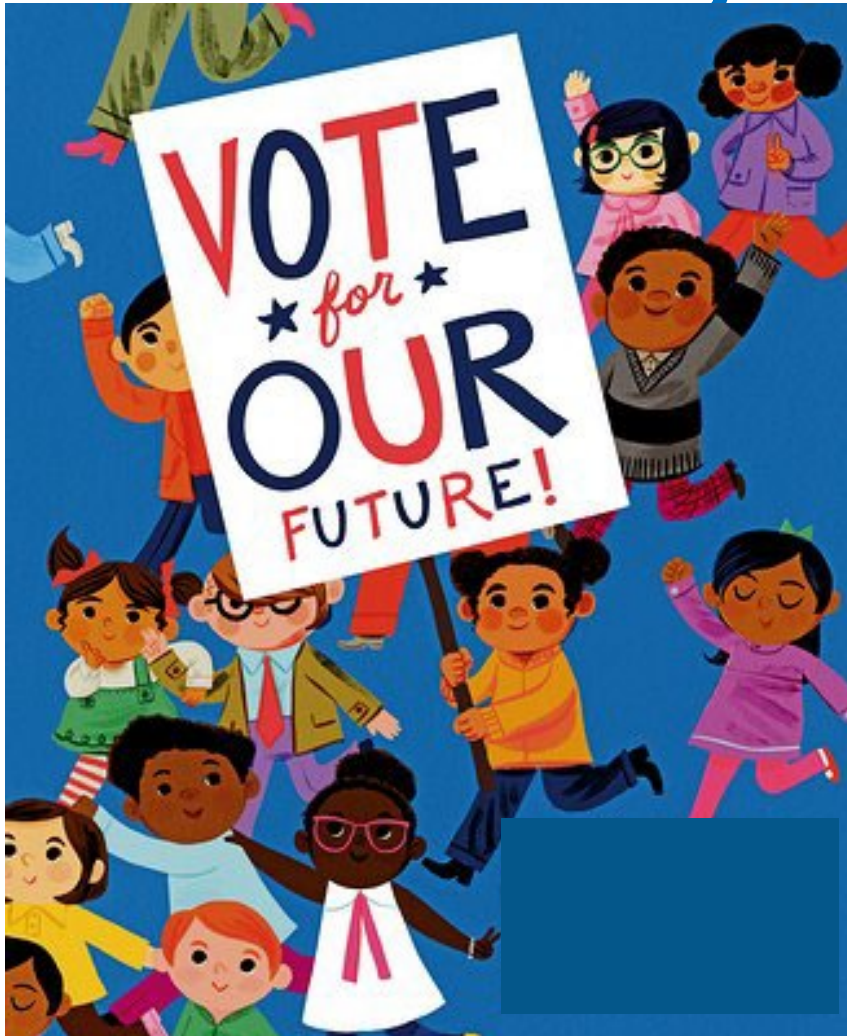


Democracy



Who Rules Britain?



The King?



The people?



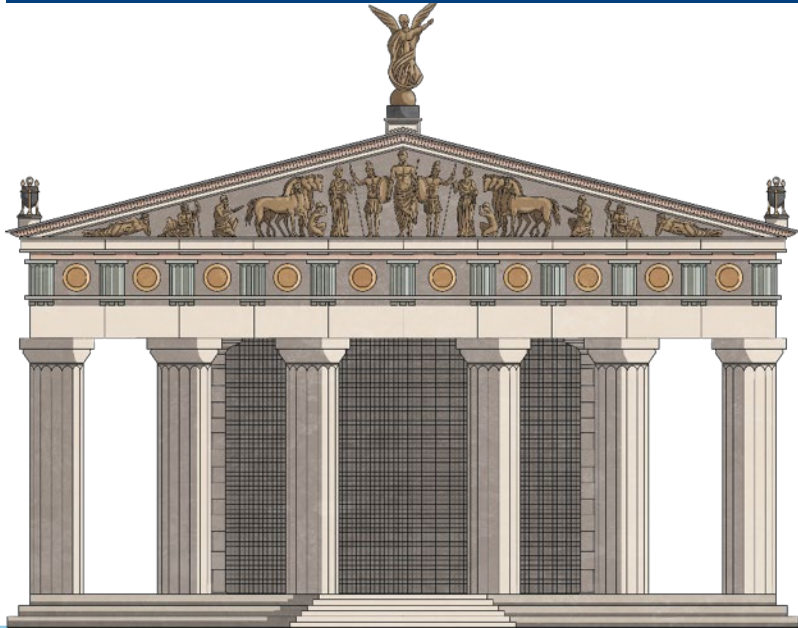
The army?



The police?

What Does Democracy Mean?

In the UK we have a system of government called **democracy**. The word democracy means 'rule by the people'. It comes from the Greek words **Dêmos**, which means people, and **krátos** which means rule. This is because the idea of democracy developed in Greece in about 507 BC.



Watch this video
on democracy:

Video

What Does Democracy Mean?

We hold an **election** to choose someone to **represent** us. People who stand for election are called **candidates** and they usually 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**.





**Andy
Burnham
Labour**



**Kemi
Badenoch
Conservative**



**John
Swinney
SNP**



**Ed Davey
Liberal
Democrats**



Our democracy is a system of government with four **special features**:

- Allows people a way of choosing and replacing their representatives through free and fair elections.
- Protects the human rights of all citizens.
- Depends on laws, which apply equally to all citizens.
- Encourages citizens to participate in politics and community life.



Voting

People must be **18 or over** to take part in an election. Each voter **votes** for the **candidate** of their choice by putting a cross beside the person's name on the **ballot paper** . People put their votes in a **ballot box** so that no one can see who they are voting for

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



Who Makes the Decisions?

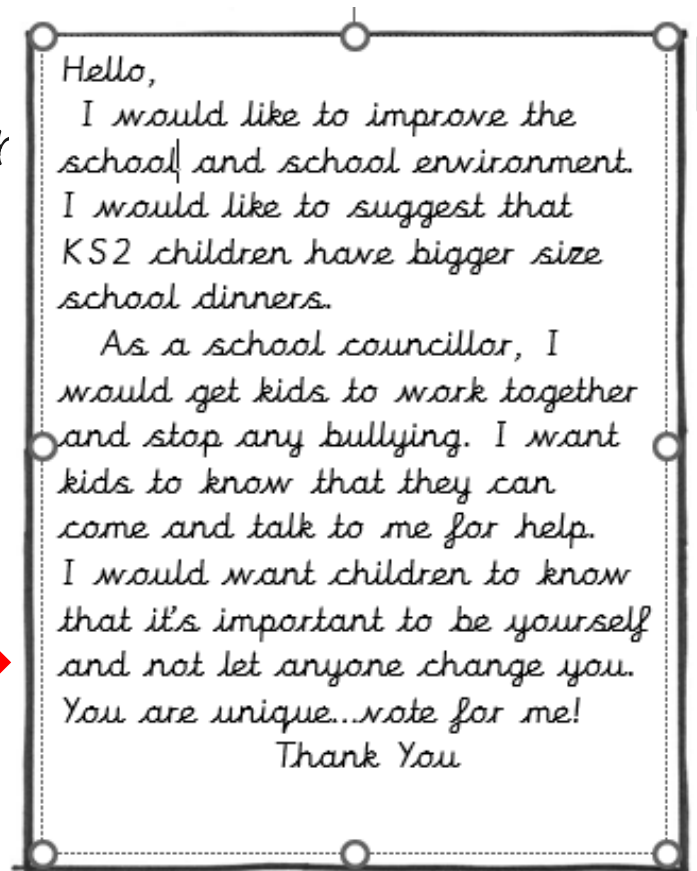
The Prime Minister appoints a **cabinet** of about 20 ministers. Each minister is put in charge of an area of government, e.g. education, healthcare or transport.

One of the most important posts is that of the **Chancellor of the Exchequer**, who decides how the money collected through taxes will be spent. The cabinet meets with the Prime Minister once a week at their home in **10 Downing Street**.



Park School Council Elections

- Tell your teacher if you would like to be in the School Council by **tomorrow**
- Write your speech explaining why you want to be a member of the School Council by next **Monday**
- This is an example of speech from a School Council member this year. 



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- After you have given your speech, your name will be written on a **ballot paper** →

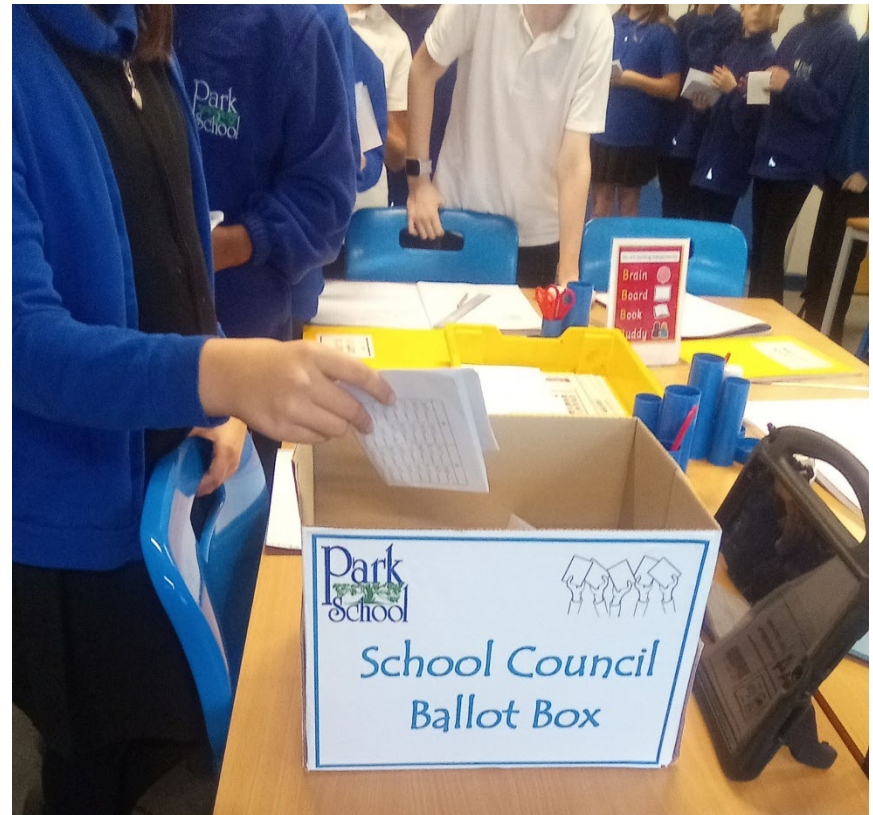
- Your class will put a cross by the name of who they want to be the School Councillor for the class.



 School Council Elections Class: 1P	
Sam Brown	
Clare Jones	
Alan Smith	
Sarah Green	

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- Voting Day is next Tuesday 15th September
- Each class will go into the hall and put their ballot paper into a ballot box
- Votes will be counted and School Council winners announced in celebration assembly on Friday 18th September.



Park School Council Elections

- In assembly, School Councillors will sign the School **Council Charter**.
- The charter sets out the role of School Councillors.
- Councillors will receive notebooks to use in meetings



Park School Council Charter

As School Councillors, we shall...

- Listen to classmates and bring their ideas to meetings
- Be respectful, fair and reliable
- Collaborate as a team sharing ideas
- Be a positive role model in school
- Show our school values in how we behave in meetings and around school.

