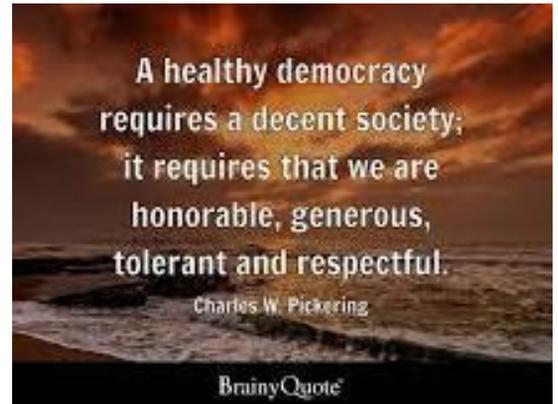
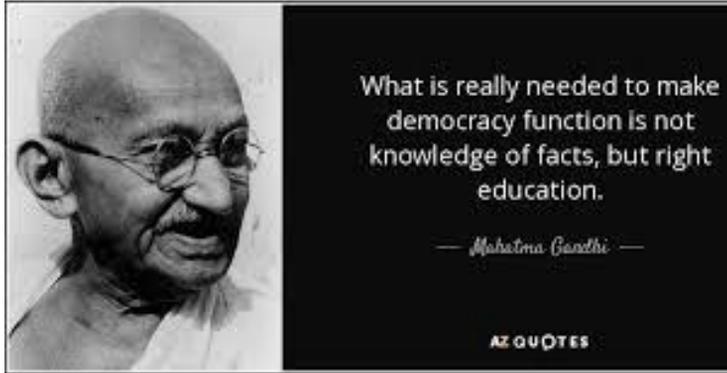


Shine a light

on... **Democracy**



11th to 24th September



Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. **1 Peter 2:13-17**

What the bible says about 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 is because the idea of democracy developed in Greece in about 507 BC.

A democracy is a leadership that is run by the people. In a democracy, people voice their opinions by voting on important issues and/or by voting on who they think should lead.

All over the world, people have fought - and died - for their right to take part in elections. Here in the UK, it's just 101 years since women were given the right to vote (after great campaigns led by The Suffragettes), and in South Africa black people were only able to vote for the first time in 1994! Even today, some countries' political systems mean that people are not allowed to vote. Therefore if you have been given the right to vote, the responsible thing to do with it is to stay informed and use it. This is the way everyone can have their say.

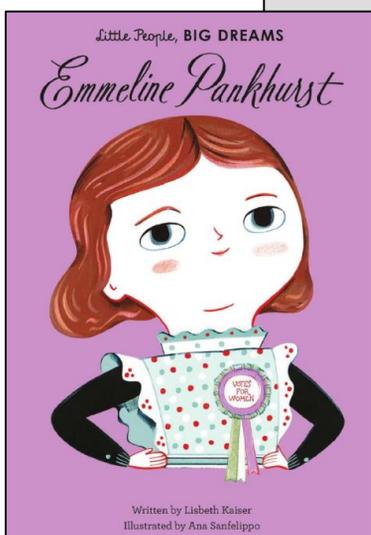
In school, we have shown democracy by holding elections for school council and the leadership of our houses. All pupils in school have been involved in the decision.

How can you let your light shine through democracy this week?

How can you get involved with democracy? Your teacher will have asked you to focus on one of the activities below for homework. Take the time to show us what you care about and how you could help make a positive change towards this.

Not all family decisions are negotiable, but many of them can be. Why not hold a vote the next time you have a family decision to make. This could be about what film to watch next or what game that you will all play together. Every decision made like this helps to learn skills essential for a democracy, like cooperation, compromise, negotiation, and consensus building.

Imagine you are running for election as an MP. How would you persuade people to vote for you? Research an issue that is important to you and write about it in the rosette.



Share this amazing story about a girl who did what she could to change her world and helped win votes for women.

[Emmeline Pankhurst | Little People, BIG DREAMS | Narrated picture story book | Read aloud - YouTube](#)

Complete a research project/ produce a fact file about the history of voting for women in the UK. Did you know there is a

statue of a Leicester-born suffragette, Alice Hawkins, standing in Market Square? What could you find out about her?

[Alice Hawkins - Story of Leicester](#)

Our Prime Minister is Rishi Sunak. He manages a team of Ministers who help run the country. Different ministers are responsible for different things like transport, education or the environment. Every week, the Prime Minister comes to the House of Commons to answer questions from MPs about the work of the Government.



What qualities do you think a person needs to make a good Prime Minister? Write your ideas down in a list.

