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Democracy

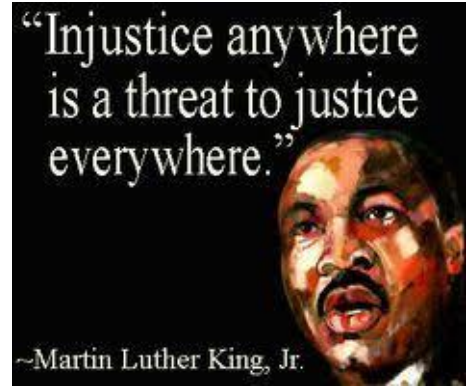


26th April onwards



An educated, enlightened and informed population is one of the surest ways of promoting the health of a democracy.

~Nelson Mandela



~Martin Luther King, Jr.

For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our lawgiver; the Lord is our king; he will save us. **Isaiah 33:22**

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. It is one of our 5 British values, and as such we have been looking at democracy in greater detail as part of our British Values Day on Tuesday 23rd April.

During this time, we delved into the principles and practices of democracy in the United Kingdom. From the history behind our democratic system to the role of citizens in decision-making processes, our students will gain a deeper understanding of how democracy functions in our country. As part of our exploration, we also held a special event - a secret ballot vote in our school hall! This hands-on experience allowed our children to actively participate in a democratic process, mirroring real-life voting procedures. Why not talk to your children about the relevance of democracy in your every day lives?

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 rhyming story about a girl who did what she could to change her world.

[Sofia Valdez, Future Prez by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts / Children's Story Time Read Aloud \(youtube.com\)](#)



Our Prime Minister is Rishi Sunak.

He leads 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. There will be a general election before the end of the year, in which we will vote for a new Prime Minister. What qualities do you think a person needs to make a good Prime Minister? Create a 'Wanted' poster to show these, like the astronaut example to the left.

Wanted: Astronauts! ★

The European Space Agency is currently recruiting astronauts for future missions which may include:

- Missions to Mars;
- Return missions to the Moon;
- Missions to land on asteroids.

The Agency invites applications from interested candidates.

Personal Specifications

- Must be willing to work as part of a team.
- Must be a skilled problem solver and able to work under pressure.
- Must have some knowledge of maths and science.
- Must be prepared to undergo extensive training.
- Must be interested in Space.
- Must have a curiosity to find out new things.
- Must be physically fit.

Please apply in writing to the address below explaining why you wish to become an astronaut and providing evidence that you meet the required personal specifications.

