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Can you explain these key political terms?

POLITICAL PARTIES

GENERAL ELECTION

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

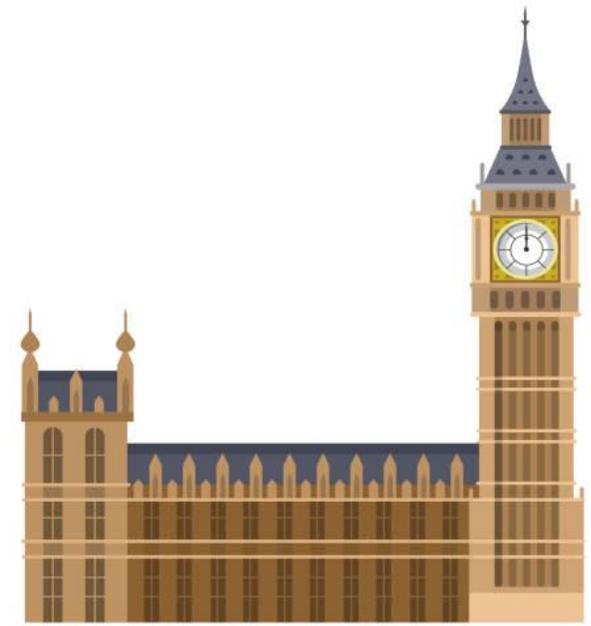
MANIFESTO

HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRIME MINISTER

Keywords in politics

- **General election** – A vote which decides who is elected as a Member of Parliament to the House of Commons.
- **Manifesto** – A list of things which parties promise to do if they win the general election.
- **Member of Parliament (MP)** – Members of Parliament are elected by the public to represent an area (constituency) in the House of Commons.
- **House of Commons** – The place where Members of Parliament debate and pass laws.
- **Political parties** – Groups of Members of Parliament who care about the same issues.
- **Prime Minister** – The head of government.



What happens at a general election?



- At a general election people vote to decide who will represent their area in the House of Commons.
- In a general election political parties tell people what they will do, if they win.
- Members of Parliament commit to doing what their parties say, if they are elected.
- When people vote for their Member of Parliament, they choose who they would want to represent them in government.
- If you're over 18, you can vote!



What happens after a general election?

- The person with the most votes becomes the Member of Parliament for their local area.
- When Members of Parliament are elected, they take a seat in the House of Commons.
- Usually, each Member of Parliament is a member of a political party.
- The party with the most Members of Parliament can form the government.
- The leader of that party will become the Prime Minister.



What does a Member of Parliament (MP) do?

Members of Parliament represent the views of people who live in their area.

They talk about issues they are seeing locally and write laws to improve people's lives.

There are 650 Members of Parliament.

They each represent a different area (constituency) in the UK.



Resources for children and young people

childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/things-to-do



My priorities

As soon as I stepped into office, I set out to listen to the voices of as many children as possible.

BBC Bitesize

The BBC has put together a number of short videos and games to get you excited about starting school as well as offer support with some of the main questions you may have – some of these are answered by my students themselves!

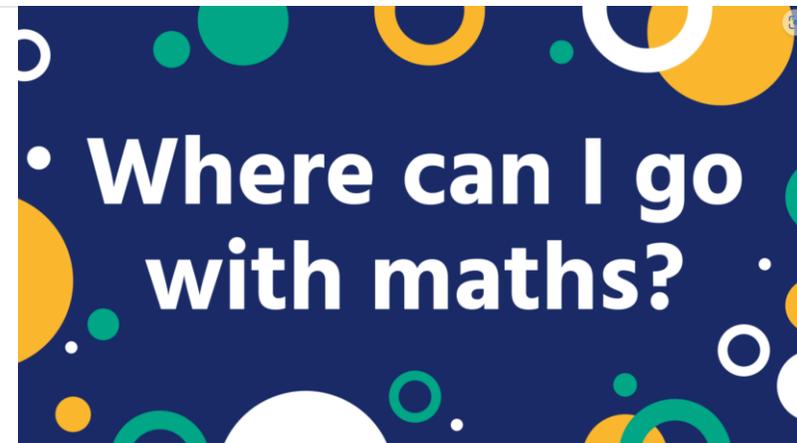
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