



Welcome to the
Trust Pupil Parliament

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Our Trust Parliament (made of 2 year 6 children from each school) meets each half term to discuss key issues that impact all our schools and to decide upon actions that we will take together.

Each year, the Trust Parliament proposes a new Bill to all Crofty children who vote on whether they wish it to be forwarded to our Trustees for them to consider.



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We are going to work a little bit like the UK Parliament but with our Trust as the 'country' and our schools as 'constituencies'.



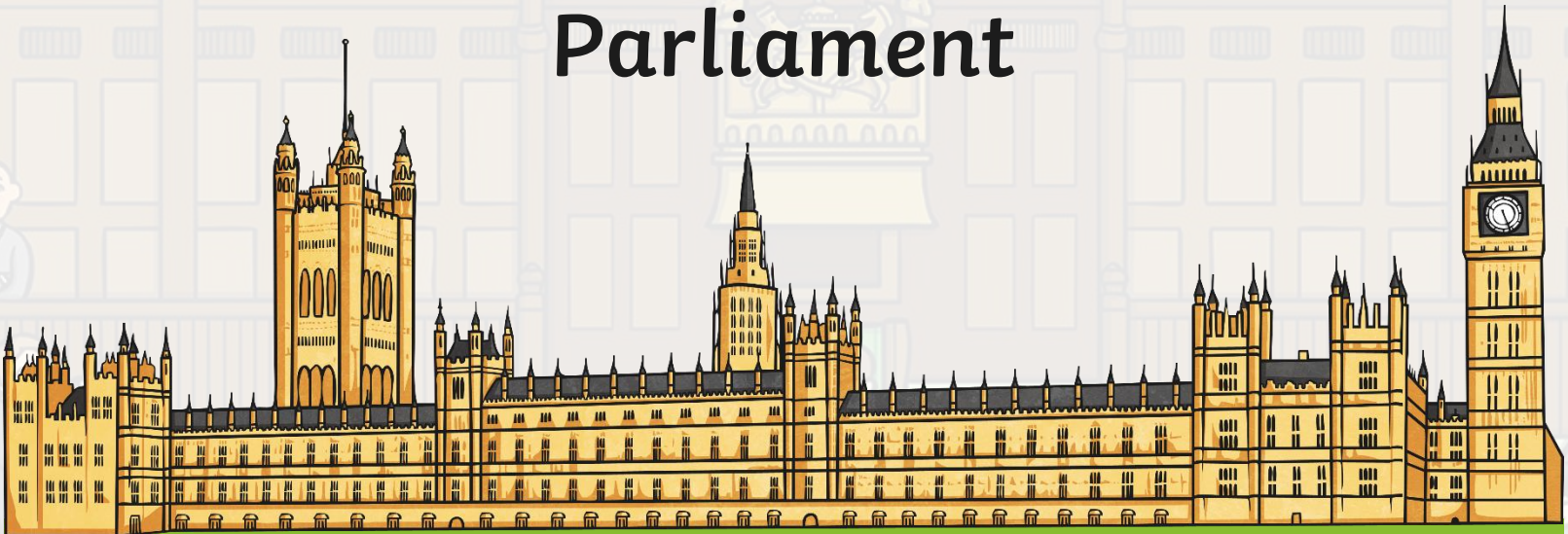
UK Parliament and the Government



How is the UK run?



Parliament



The UK Parliament is the place where Members of Parliament (MPs) meet to make decisions and pass laws. Parliament makes sure that the government are running the country properly.

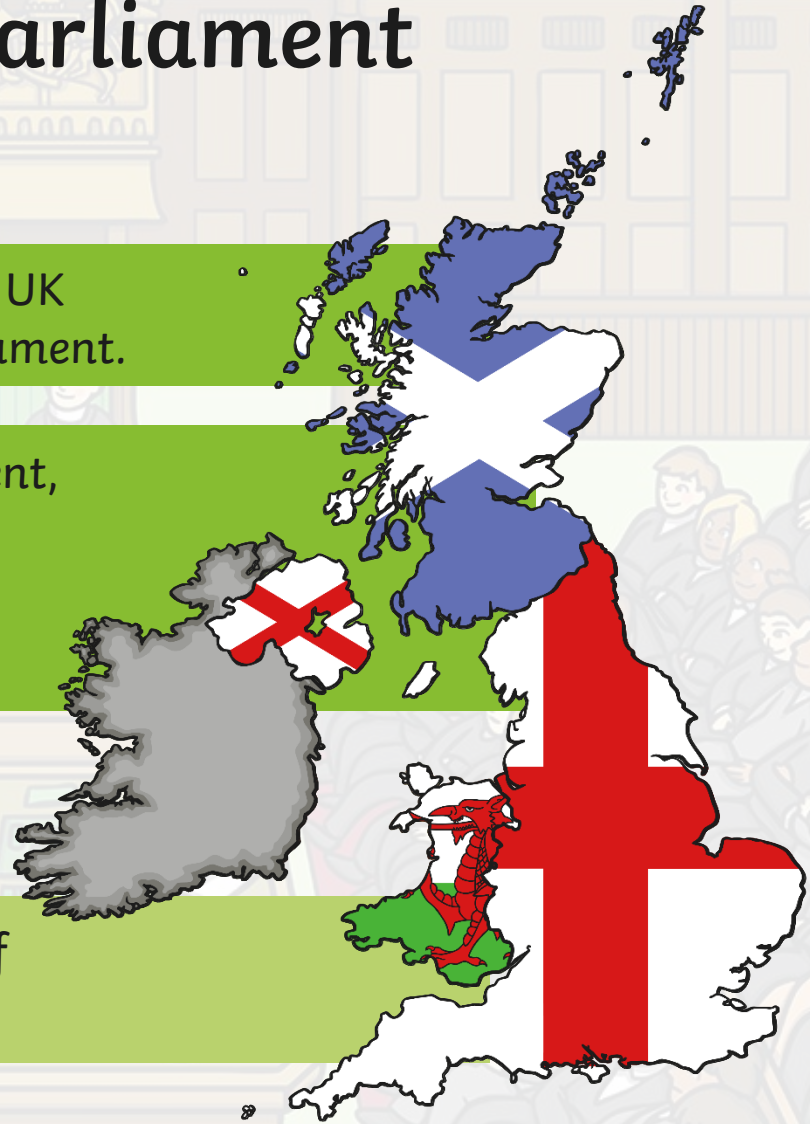
The UK Parliament is made up of the Monarch (king or queen), the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

The UK Parliament

England is the only country in the UK which does not have its own Parliament.

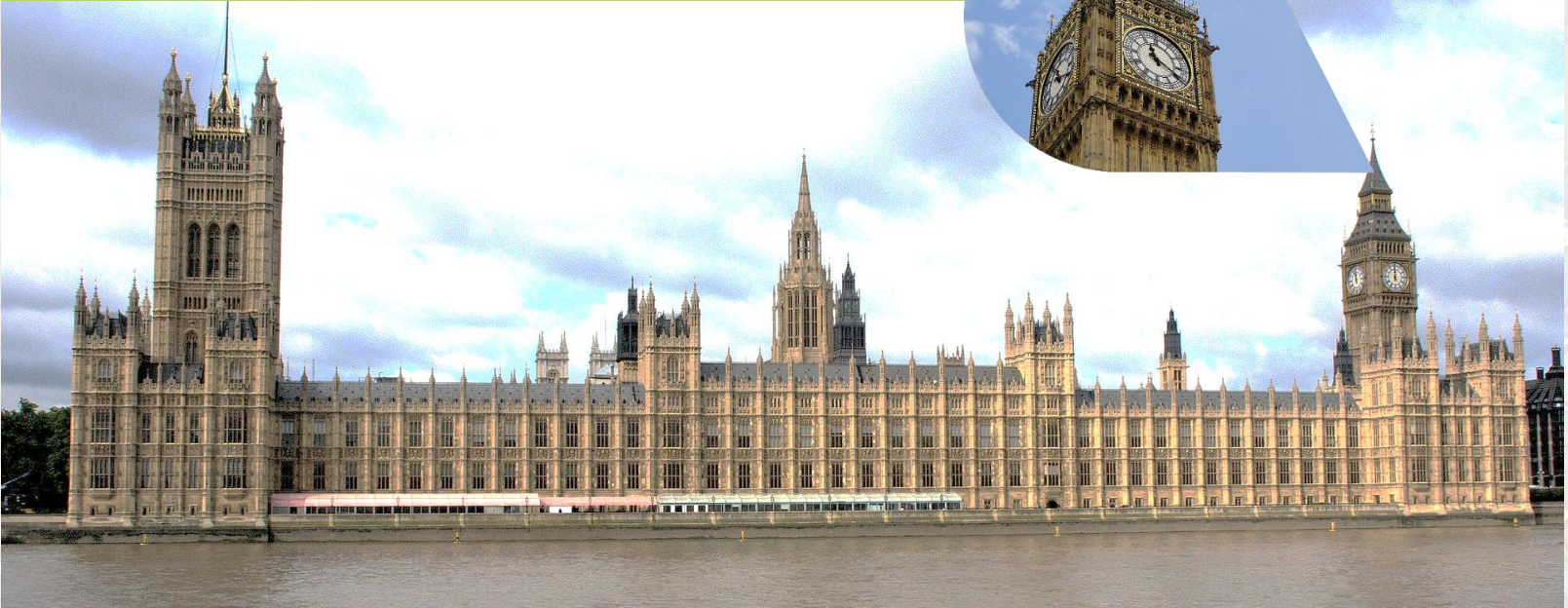
Scotland has the Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland has the Northern Ireland Assembly and Wales has the Welsh Assembly.

The UK Parliament keeps control of foreign affairs and defence though.



Houses of Parliament

The clock tower is one of London's most famous landmarks and is nicknamed Big Ben.

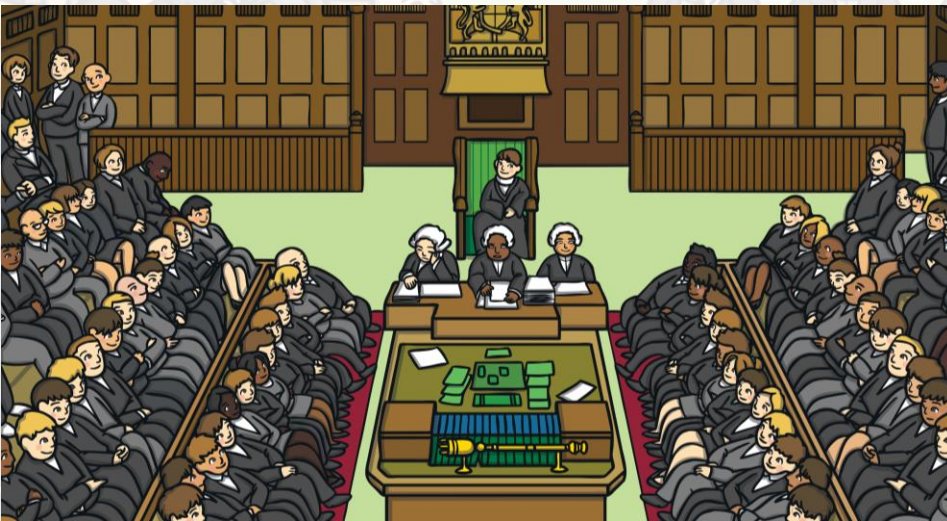


The House of Lords and the House of Commons meet in the Houses of Parliament in Westminster, London.

King Charles III

The King is the head of state.

The King opens parliament each year, but because Britain has a constitutional monarchy it means the King does not exercise any political power.



House of Lords

The Peers meet in the southern part of the Palace of Westminster.

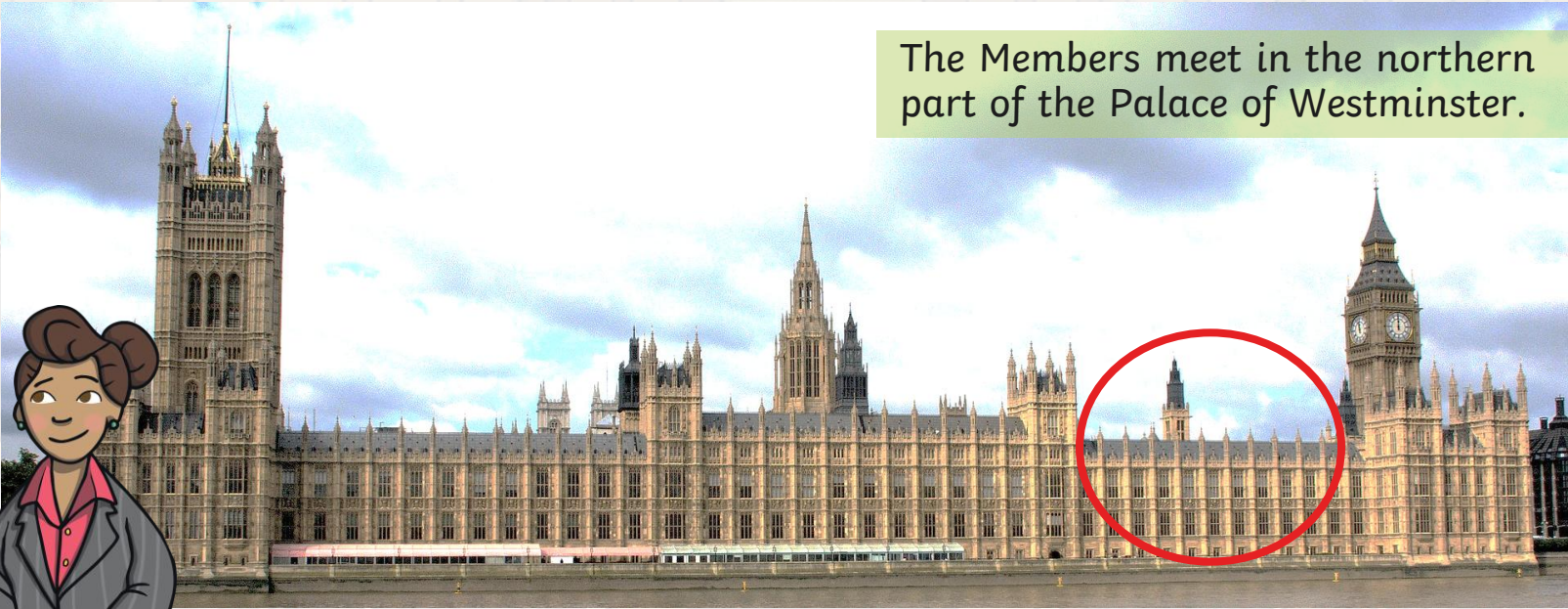


The House of Lords is where peers meet. They check that new laws are fair.

Each member has either inherited a family title or has been given a title to recognise their good work in a certain area.

House of Commons

The Members meet in the northern part of the Palace of Westminster.



The House of Commons is where the Members of Parliament (MPs) meet.

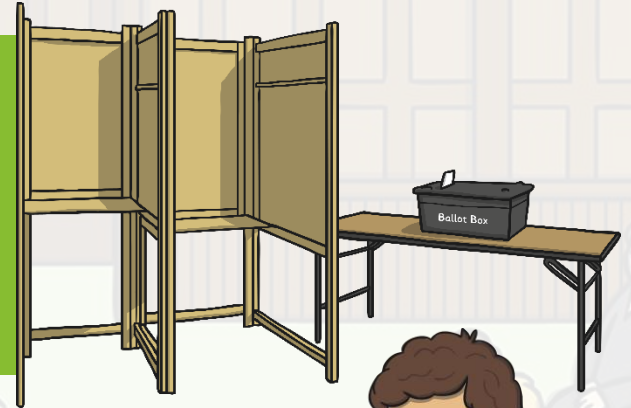
Each MP has been elected by the people in their constituency (local area).

Most MPs belong to a political party, although a very small number are independent.

Elections

Every 5 years, a general election is called by the Prime Minister.

In the UK, each adult can vote for a politician in their constituency (local area) to represent them in the House of Commons.



The majority of politicians belong to a political party.



The political party which wins the majority of the seats forms the government. The leader of that political party becomes the Prime Minister.



The Government

The Government is led by the Prime Minister.
The Prime Minister belongs to the political party with the majority of the seats.



The Prime Minister chooses their team of ministers from their party to lead the work on important areas of the country's business, such as trade and education.



These ministers are called the Cabinet and help the Prime Minister to run the country.



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What are we going to do?

Each school needs to hold an election (in year 6) to elect their 2 members of the Trust Pupil Parliament

Please send the names of the elected members from your school to Mrs Andrews by the end of this term

On Tuesday 21st January all elected representatives will be meeting at the Crofty Offices (along with our 'Prime Minister' – Mr Hague!) to decide upon 2 Bills (ideas for change) that they would like to ask the school populations to vote upon.

We will have an election of ALL children in ALL our schools in March (more info to follow!)

The winning bill will be presented to our Trustees later in the year (by some of our year 6 Trust Parliament representatives) with the hope we can make it Crofty law.