

School Council Meeting

Present: Miss Bill

Year 1 – All Present

Year 2 – x3 Present x1 Absent

Year 3 - x3 Present x1 Absent

Year 4 - x3 Present x1 Absent

Year 5 - All Present

Year 6 – All Present

Minutes

Opening prayer led by Miss Bill.

Children discussed their trip to the Houses of Parliament last week during UK Parliament Week.

Miss Bill informed the children that they would be delivering a School Council assembly on Friday. This is to share with all the children in the school what they learnt at the Houses of Parliament as part of UK Parliament Week.

Each child was given their lines.

Expectations made clear:

- Practise before Friday.
- Lines do not need to be learnt off by heart but if children would like to challenge themselves to do this, this would be great.

Run through of script.

UK Parliament Week Assembly

T: Last week, was UK Parliament Week. To celebrate this, we visited the Houses of Parliament to find out all about the UK Government system.

A: This morning, we are going to take you on a tour through the Houses of Parliament to share with you everything we learnt.

A: After a crisp, cold walk past Big Ben, we met our guide inside the Houses of Parliament.

I: We were taken to the oldest part of the Houses of Parliament, which is called Westminster Hall. This is over 900 years old.

O: When the Queen died in 2022, this is where her body lay in rest. People then came along to pay their respects.

A: We were then taken to the House of Commons chamber. In here, all the benches are green. This is a very special place where no pictures could be taken.

O: This is where MPs work. MP stands for Member of Parliament.

R: In here, the Government sit on the benches to the right of the speaker. The top job in government is called the Prime Minister. Our Prime Minister is called Sir Keir Starmer.

M: The opposition sit on the benches to the left of the speaker. Their job is to check what the Government does.

B: This is where the Speaker of the House of Commons sits. The Speaker makes sure MPs take turns to speak.

L: Next, we visited the House of Lords. The benches in the House of Lords are red.

H: This is where members of the House of Lords meet. They talk about laws that the Government wants to make.

A: They ask the Government questions and think of ways to make things work better.

E: We then met our local MP, Andy Slaughter. Andy is MP for Hammersmith and Chiswick. He explained that people in his area voted and he got the most votes so got the job.

E: We had the opportunity to ask him questions. We asked him: What the Government is doing to help climate change?

C: We also asked: What the Government is doing to help water pollution in the River Thames? And Will the Government continue free school meals for the children of London?

P: The third part of the UK Parliament is the Monarch (King or Queen). This role is mainly ceremonial these days.

J: The King meets the Prime Minister once a week to hear what's going on in Parliament, to sign any new laws and to attend the State Opening of Parliament every year.

E: Some people might ask why we need these laws.

L: Laws are made to keep us safe, protect us and ensure people behave so they don't hurt themselves or others.

D: They also make sure everything is fair, where people can access their rights and solve conflicts.

S: The UK has over 64 million people living in it and everyone has different ideas about how the UK should be run.

B: It is our democratic right, if you are over 18 years old, to have a say in who runs our country.

C: We hope this assembly has highlighted the importance in you using your voice to vote so your ideas and opinions can be represented in the Houses of Parliament.

### Actions to be taken

Miss Bill to send an email to parents about upcoming assembly so lines can be practised at home.

Miss Bill to meet with the children on Thursday for a dress rehearsal.

Next Meeting:

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024