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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

Politics' Week

With the general election approaching, we felt that this is the perfect opportunity to further develop the children's awareness of democracy and elections in an age-appropriate way. Throughout all our lessons we always ensure that there is no political bias and this will continue to be the case over the coming weeks.

We will launch our politics' week using a book called - "The Election" by Eleanor Levenson - 'A picture book for young children that explains, through a fun story with engaging illustrations, what an election is and how voting works. Alex's family backs the party whose posters have stripes on them. Evie's family backs the party whose posters have spots on them. But which party will win? Either way, the two will remain friends. This is the first UK book of its kind and has backing from elected representatives of all major political parties.'

Following on from the text, in order to teach the children about democracy and UK elections, we have decided to hold a mock election in school. The four candidates will be Mrs Jane, Mr O, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Thurstance - but not as you know them! The parties that staff will stand for will be totally fictitious eg 'The Carrot Party'/'The Broccoli Party' etc. Their manifestos will be based on the school day and lessons in school. The children will have the opportunity to vote for their chosen candidate. The winning candidate will see the school run according to their manifesto on the 10th July.

I hope that you agree that this will be an engaging, fun and worthwhile activity for all of the children and an opportunity to begin to understand the election process in a way that appeals to them.

Mrs Barnes, Mrs Jane and the HC team.

Every day counts..... Every minute matters.....