

Year 1 Swans History Summer 2

Parliament and Prime Ministers

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Bill of Rights	An important piece of paper that said the British Parliament could make laws and guide the King and Queen: William and Mary signed it when they became King and Queen.
budget	The government's plan to spend money on things the country needs.
democracy	A system where everyone gets a say in how things are run.
election	When people choose who they would like to be in parliament.
government	The group of people who make up the leading political party in the parliament.
parliament	A group of people chosen to represent the people who live in a country (the parliament make decisions for the people).
political party	A group of people who work together to gain power in parliament.
Prime Minister	The leader of the government.
services	Things that the government provide for the country, e.g. Schools, hospitals, the police force, and the fire service.
vote	A choice, marked on a piece of paper with a cross.

King James II



Argued with parliament and sent them home so he didn't have to listen to them.

William and Mary



Signed the bill of rights when they became King and Queen

Robert Walpole



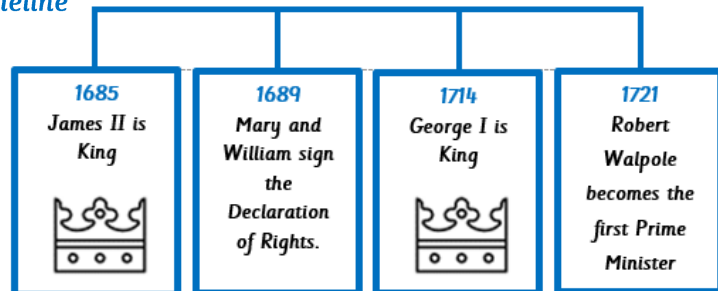
The first Prime Minister

Keir Starmer



Our current Prime Minister

Timeline



Democracy

The UK is a democracy. This is a system where everyone has a say in how the country is run. The word democracy comes from Greek, *demos* (people) and *kratos* (power/rule) which means the power is in the hands of the people.

The Houses of Parliament

Sometimes called The Palace of Westminster, this is where the government holds its meetings to decide the laws of the land. The Elizabeth Tower is where the bell known as Big Ben is.

