

# Year 6's trip to the Houses of Parliament!

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June our year 6 classes went to The Houses of Parliament to learn about the government and see where the most important decisions are made.

First we had to go through the security barriers and to do this we all needed a special sticker. We each collected our sticker and made our way through the security barriers and up the stairs where we split in half and met our tour guides! He introduced himself in a friendly manner as we headed into the first room of our tour!

As we walked in, to our left was a death warrant of King Charles 1<sup>st</sup>. The tour guide explained to us why his head was cut on and how they had sewed it back on when they buried him.

Then he told us to have a good look around the room at all of the furniture including the lovely fireplace and Queen Victoria's throne! I noticed that everywhere were Queen Victoria's initials VR.

The next room that we came to had painting of all of the royals in the times of the Victorians and the stewards. In the middle of the room were tables where the people of the government could sit and talk about a meeting.

We then entered the House of Lords where the colour code was red! There were lots of red seats including a round chair made out of wool sacks to stop the person sitting on it falling off! In front of the red seat was our present queen's throne which was made out of gold. It was very luxurious.

Soon we came out of the House of Lords and went to the House of Commons where the colour code was green! There were again lots of green seats, but no throne since this room was built when the government had little money and got the furniture in the room as gifts from places such as India and Australia. The room did not have any gold, instead it had wood. Eventually we exited the room and went into the hall way.

It was now time to leave and get into the coach. I will always remember this great day!

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