

BRITISH VALUES

As part of our ongoing commitment to the British Values Curriculum and our unique *Rainbow Curriculum* here at St Anselm's, we invite you to read this story with your children. Your involvement is crucial in reinforcing these values and qualities at home, so please take a moment to explore the themes and talk about them together. Let's work hand in hand to inspire thoughtful conversations and help our children be good friends, deep thinkers and morally responsible citizens with an active voice, who are informed to make positive contributions to society.



In the news this week

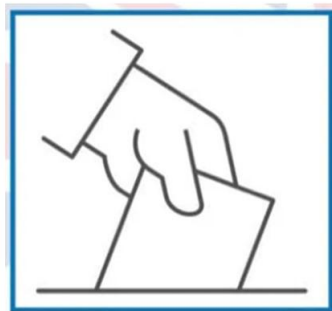
Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

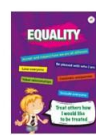
- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Which British Value?

DEMOCRACY



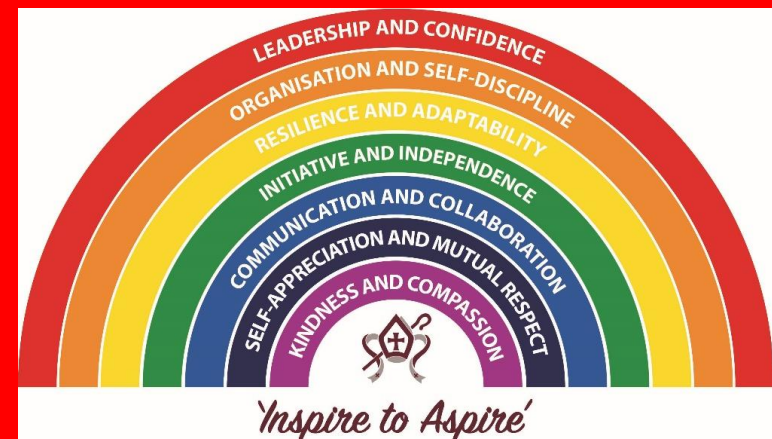
We all have a say.
Our opinion and our vote matters.



What can we learn from this?

Learning how to vote helps young people see their views matter. When we respect their voices and give them a chance to take part, we help build a fairer future together.

Rainbow Curriculum Link



LEADERSHIP AND CONFIDENCE

What can we learn from this?

This story links to **leadership and confidence** in a few ways. The decision to lower the voting age to 16 shows boldness from leaders as they are willing to make a big change and trust young people to take part in shaping the country's future. It shows confidence in the next generation. By learning about democracy and voting from an earlier age, young people will gain the knowledge and skills they need to feel confident when making important decisions. When young people vote, they are using their voice to influence what happens in their country. This is an important form of leadership, as it shows responsibility, independence and the confidence to stand up for their views.

Democracy	Rule of Law	Individual Liberty	Mutual Respect	Tolerance