

Year: 7 & 8
Term: 2b
Topic: Politics

- Lesson Concepts**
1. Democracy
 2. Dictatorships/tyranny
 3. Parties and voting systems
 4. UK Parliament
 5. Political organisations
 6. Terrorism

2017 Election Results

Party	Seats
Conservative	318
Labour	262
SNP	35
Lib Dems	12
DUP	10
Other	13

Total seats = 650
Seats needed for a win = 326
Turnout = 69.1%
Result = Conservative government with DUP backing

Key Words:			
Constituency	An area of the country with around 60,000 voters. Each of the UK constituencies elects one representative to Parliament.	Monarch	The King or Queen; a country's ruler. The UK has a constitutional monarch whose power is limited by the democratic system.
Democracy	The 'rule of the people'. Each person with voting rights has a say in decision-making.	NATO	The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. This is a military alliance of Western democratic countries. Each country in the alliance agrees to support any other NATO member that is attacked.
Dictator	A ruler with total power over a country, often one who has gained control by force.	Parliament	The decision-making body of the UK. It has three parts: the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the Monarch.
Election	A formal and organised choice, by vote, or a person for a political office (e.g. MP).	Political party	A group of people with similar ideas who campaign together to win elections.
Electorate	The people entitled to vote.	Prime Minister	The leader of Her Majesty's Government. Ultimately responsible for the policy and decisions of the government.
EU	The European Union. This encourages and safeguards security, economic development, political cooperation and cultural links.	Referendum	A vote in which all electors are able to decide a single issue.
First-past-the-post	An electoral system used to elect MPs. The candidate who receives the most votes wins.	Terrorism	The unlawful use of violence and intimidate, especially against civilians, for political reasons.
Franchise	The right to vote for representatives.	Tyranny	Cruel and oppressive government or rule.
Government	The Government runs the country. The Government is made up from elected members of the House of Commons and sometimes unelected members of the House of Lords.	UN	The United Nations. This provides a forum for dealing peacefully with international issues. The UN aims to protect human rights by taking action on issues such as climate change, terrorism and gender equality.