

## Sticklands CofE Voluntary Aided Primary School

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed an exciting trip to Houses of Parliament. During the visit, the children took part in a guided tour of the building, learning about how the UK government works and seeing where important decisions are made – they even got to watch both Houses while they debated new amendments. The children then took part in an educational workshop, where they explored how laws are created and how the Houses of Lords and Commons work together. It was a fantastic opportunity that really brought Democracy to life!!



Below some of our Wellbeing Warriors have written about their best bits!



We arrived at school at 6.30 am and walked to the coach but when got there the coach had tried to reverse and was stuck in the mud! We didn't think we were going to be able to go at all but luckily 3 lovely men that work for Wessex Water came to the rescue and they used a dumper truck to pull the coach out so we could get there on time. The next day, Miss Adler and Mr George took Will and Sam down to see the men that helped us, they took them a card and some biscuits to say thank you. We went past Stonehenge on the way up to London and we saw The London Eye, Wembley Stadium and The River Thames that looked really dirty. In the workshop we learned all about how laws are created. - Lexie

We learned that red used to be the most expensive colour and that's why the House of Lords is red all over! The House of commons is green which was cheaper. In the workshop, I really enjoyed learning about how Bills pass backwards and forwards between the House of Lords and the House of Commons. When this happens, it is called Ping-Pong! – Gracie

Parts of the Houses of Parliament were bombed during World War II and The House of Commons was completely destroyed so it had to be rebuilt. We visited Westminster Hall which is the oldest part of the Houses of Parliament and it is over 1000 years old. King Henry VIII used to have banquets and feasts in there. – Sebastian

We saw the Elizabeth Tower that holds Big Ben. We were also really close to the throne that the king sits in when he talks to the House of Lords once a year. After the workshop, we walked up to parliament square to look at the statues, it was really busy!! – Maya

We had a fun workshop and played lots of games like Pictionary and worked in teams to find out what was in the mystery bags – in them were pieces of leather from the benches in both houses, bills that have been passed and also a crown because the King has to sign the Bills before they become laws. We also talked to one of Edward Morello's staff about the laws that we would make if we were in charge. The bus journey was really long but Mr George organised a quiz for us that kept us entertained! It was the best Day ever!! – Camilla

I learned a lot from this trip and had a lot of fun. I will remember it for a long time. – Zenaya

