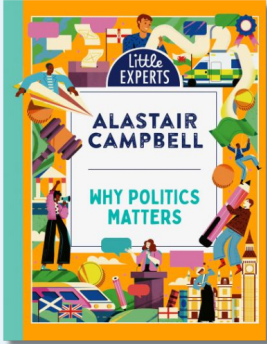


# Why Politics Matters

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# BOOK TALK CARDS



## ABOUT THE BOOK

What links schools, transport and hospitals? POLITICS! Discover how and why politics is part of everything we do with writer, podcaster and strategist ALASTAIR CAMPBELL.



## OUR THOUGHTS

"Straightforward and clearly explained overview of British politics, ideal for KS2 level. Really useful as topic support in classrooms and for homework."



## THEMES:

- Politics
- Citizenship
- Laws
- Government
- Money

## TIME TO TALK

- 1 What important decisions does the government have to make? Do you think it's right that they make all the decisions? Who else do you think should make important decisions?
- 2 Why do you think the King doesn't write his own speech? What would you say if you could write his speech?
- 3 How is the House of Lords different from the House of Commons? Which house would you prefer to belong to?
- 4 Would you like to be the next Prime Minister and why? What policies would you change and why?
- 5 The government makes lots of laws. Why do we need laws and what would happen if we didn't have them? Would you like to live in a lawless country?
- 6 Why does it take so long to bring in new laws? What law would you bring in if you could? How many of your classmates agree with it?
- 7 What role does the Chancellor of the Exchequer have? What do you think most of the government's money should be spent on? What do you think the government shouldn't spend any money on?
- 8 What is a democracy? Do you think it's important to live in a democratic society?
- 9 Why do you think you can't vote until you are 18 years old. Do you think the voting age should be lower and why?
- 10 If you could speak up and speak out about something, what would it be? Do you like having debates about important subjects? What subject would you like to debate about the most?

## TAKE THE TEXT FURTHER WITH OUR TOP 5 TITLES TO CONTINUE THE THEME:

