



# Government and Politics Summer tasks

1. Using these three videos, complete a booklet for Y6 pupils to help them to understand the British Parliament. Include;
  - a) A brief history of Parliament
  - b) What the House of Commons does and who sits in it
  - c) What the House of Lords does and who sits in it
  - d) How people vote for the people who sit in parliament
  - e) What the Queen's role is in parliament
  - f) What the Prime Minister and the government do

The videos are :

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/parliament-and-government-whiteboard/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/what-is-the-house-of-commons-/>

<http://www.parliament.uk/education/teaching-resources-lesson-plans/house-of-lords-what/>

**If for some reason you cannot access the videos, or you need extra information, then you can still create your booklet by doing some independent research – the UK Parliament website will help you.**

2. Get a Twitter account – I will send lots of updates to help you with your course. The account you need to follow is @Politicsbits. I won't follow you back, so don't worry!
3. Find out who your local MP is. Write a biography of this person – in your own words and with separate categories and headings to show that you have thought about what someone might want to know about him/her. Eg, when did they first become an MP? What party are they representing? What is their majority? What causes are they particularly interested in? Your best place to find this out is on their own website, and then look for news articles about them too.