

British Values: Democracy



What is Democracy?

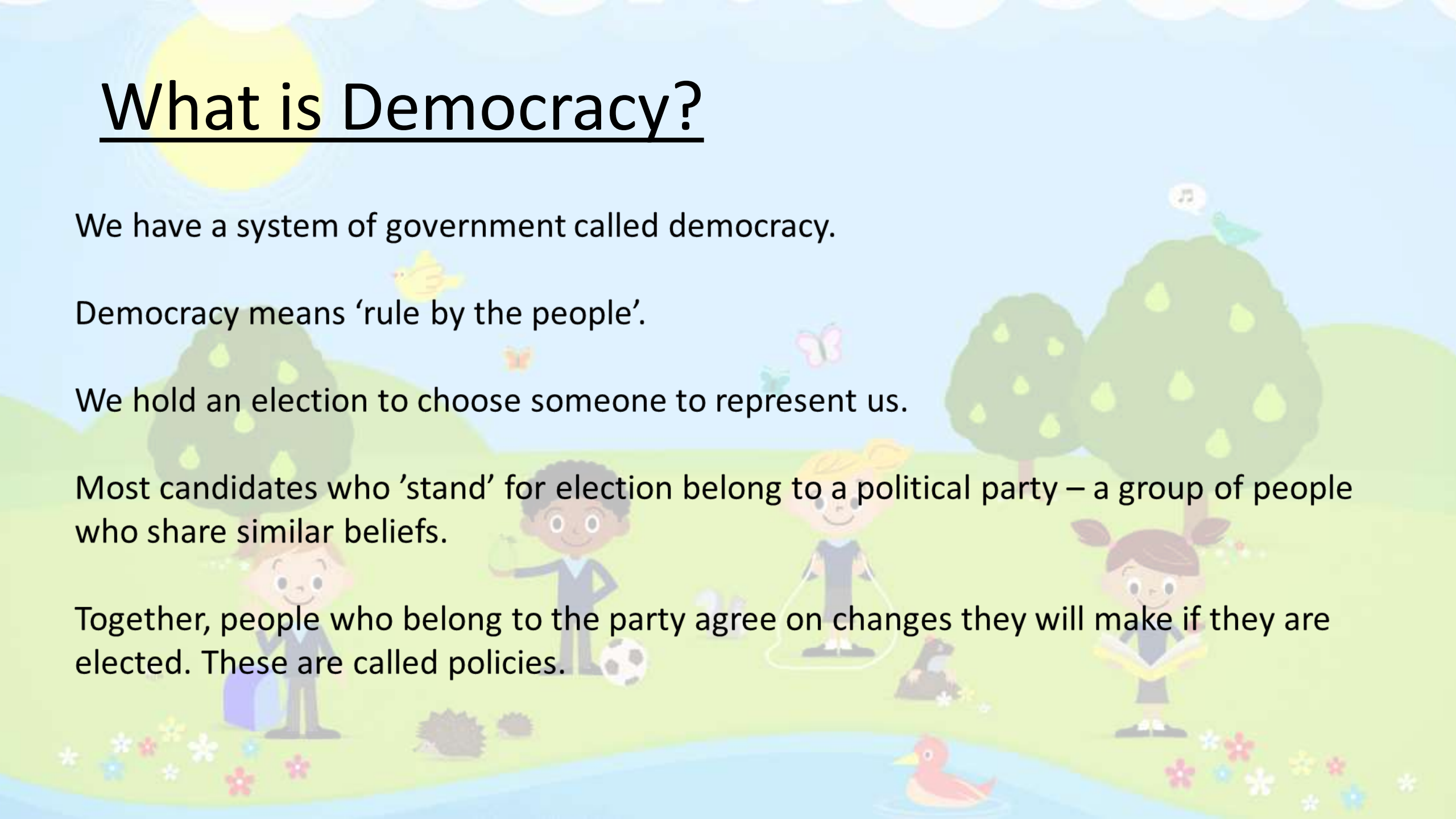
We have a system of government called democracy.

Democracy means 'rule by the people'.

We hold an election to choose someone to represent us.

Most candidates who 'stand' for election belong to a political party – a group of people who share similar beliefs.

Together, people who belong to the party agree on changes they will make if they are elected. These are called policies.



Main Political Party Leaders



Boris Johnson
Conservatives



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Sir Keir Starmer
Labour



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Sir Ed Davey
Liberal Democrats



Voting

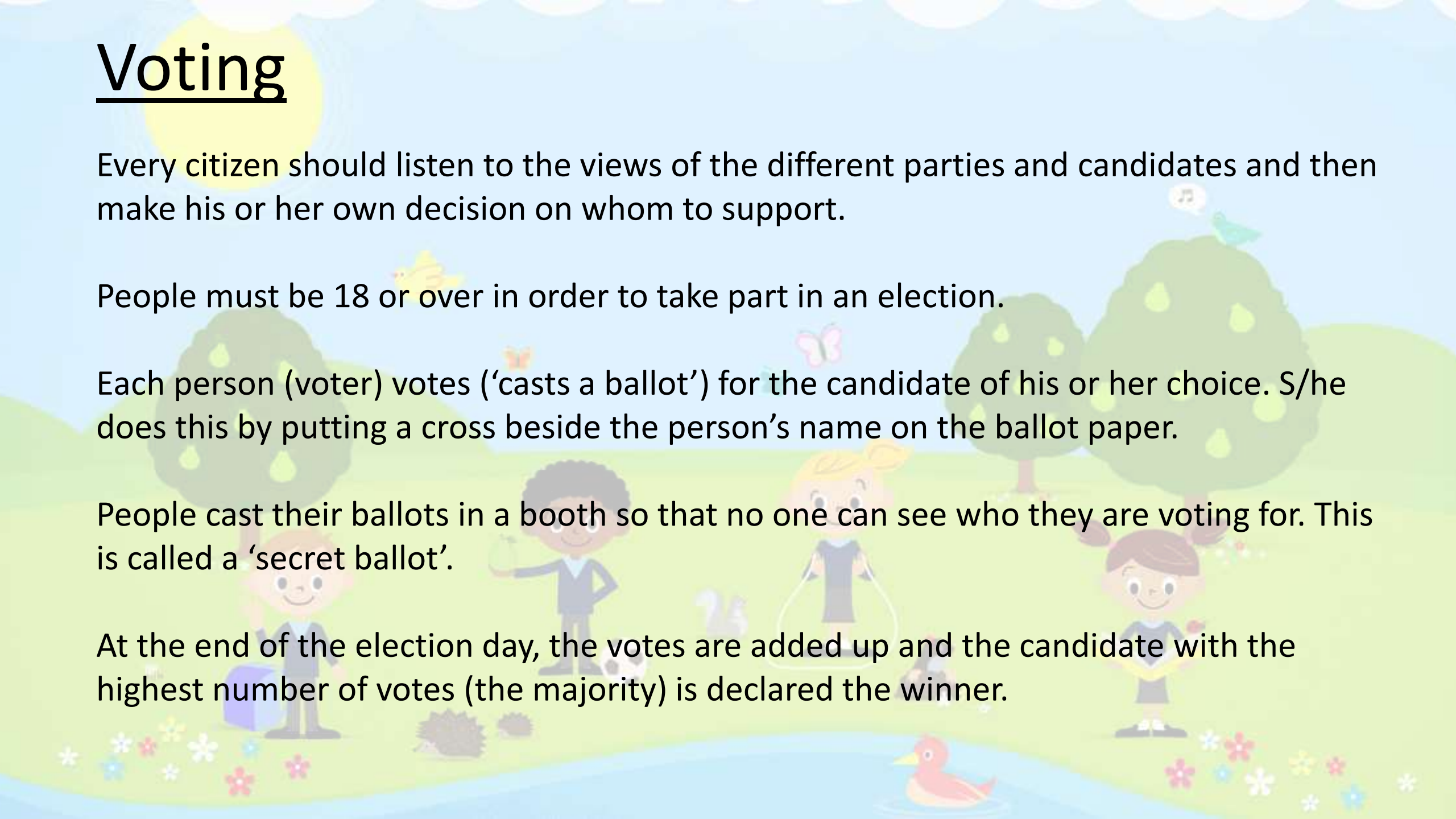
Every citizen should listen to the views of the different parties and candidates and then make his or her own decision on whom to support.

People must be 18 or over in order to take part in an election.

Each person (voter) votes ('casts a ballot') for the candidate of his or her choice. S/he does this by putting a cross beside the person's name on the ballot paper.

People cast their ballots in a booth so that no one can see who they are voting for. This is called a 'secret ballot'.

At the end of the election day, the votes are added up and the candidate with the highest number of votes (the majority) is declared the winner.



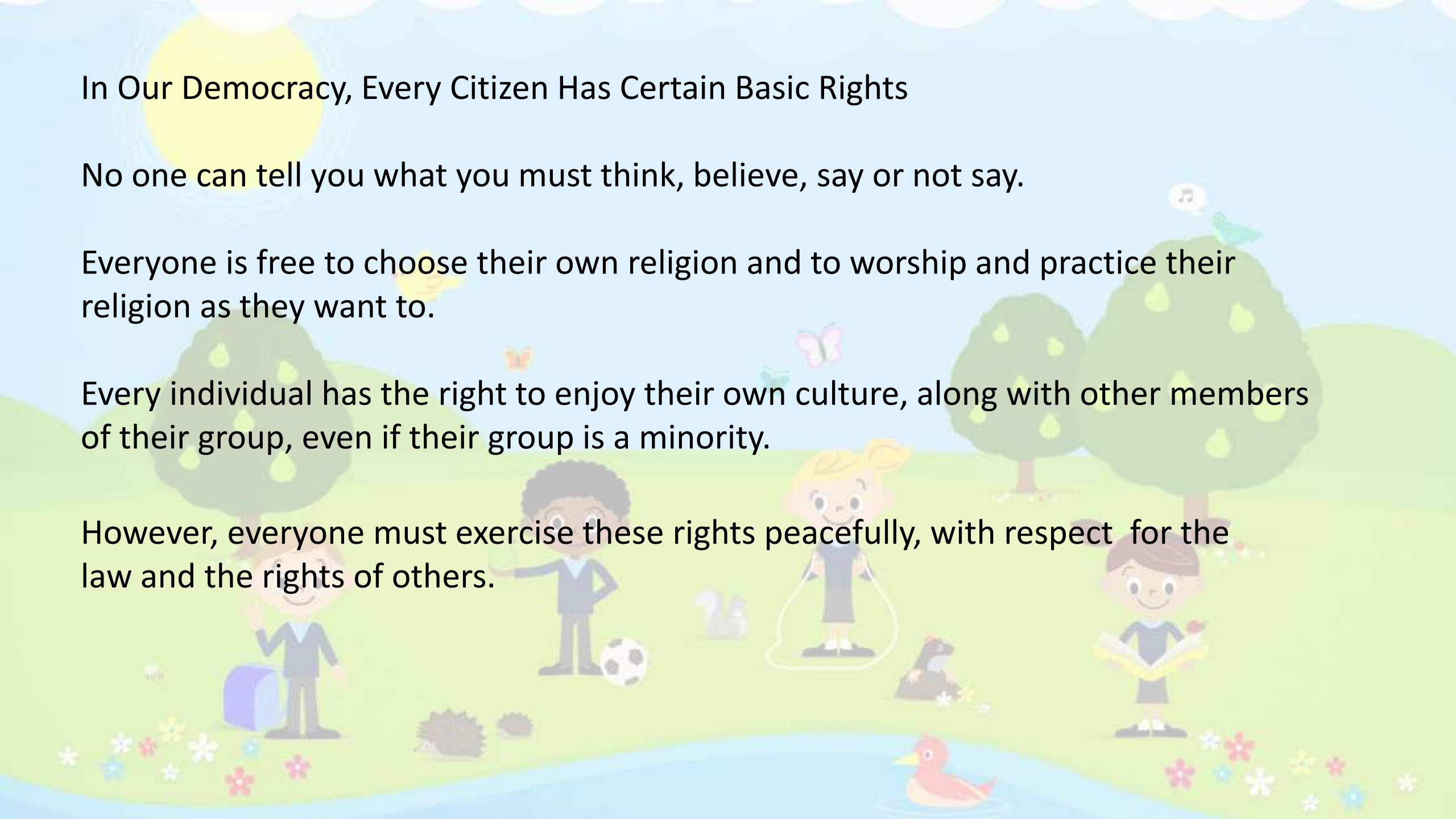
In Our Democracy, Every Citizen Has Certain Basic Rights

No one can tell you what you must think, believe, say or not say.

Everyone is free to choose their own religion and to worship and practice their religion as they want to.

Every individual has the right to enjoy their own culture, along with other members of their group, even if their group is a minority.

However, everyone must exercise these rights peacefully, with respect for the law and the rights of others.





What does this look like at Peartree Spring?



School
Council

Digital Leader

Eco - Council

House
Captain



Pupil Leader

Sports Ambassador



Head Boy and Head Girl

