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**UNIT OVERVIEW:** Theme C – Law and the Justice System  
**ENQUIRY:** What is the law and how does it affect us?

**Unit intention:** Students will explore what is the law, including sources and principles, and why the law is needed. Students will have a thorough understanding of the justice system and how it works.

**Success criteria**



1. I can **explain** why laws are needed and **evaluate** why some disagree with the law.
2. I can **identify** what the legal age limits and **evaluate** whether the legal age limits are acceptable or whether they should be changed.
3. I can **identify** and **explain** the principles of law and the three main sources of law.
4. I can **distinguish** between criminal and civil law and explain the court hierarchy in the UK.
5. I can **explain** the citizens' rights and responsibilities in the legal system and **assess** the different ways citizens can get involved.
6. I **understand** and **know** my rights if I am stopped by the police and **equally** know the rights of the police.

**Unit summative and formative assessment details:**

Recall quiz  
Extended writing  
End of unit test

**Home Learning (What and how often):**

Homework once a week  
Revisit class content  
Research activities

**Topic Sequence**

- What is the law and how does it affect us?
- Legal Age limits
- Principles and sources of the law
- Whole Class Feedback: What is the purpose of Criminal and Civil Law?
- Justice System in England and Wales
- Roles and responsibilities of citizens in the legal system
- Whole Class Feedback: Laws in practice - know your rights

**Recommended reading:**

**Must watch/read the news** daily and apply citizenship knowledge and skills.

**BBC Bitesize**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3ckjxs>

**Crime, Justice and the Law A-Z**

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/justice>

**Places to visit:**

**Visit the Supreme Court** (Opposite Parliament Square)  
Free

<https://www.supremecourt.uk>

**Visit a local Magistrates Court** (local one to LPS is Bow Magistrates)

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**End of Unit EVALUATION**

**Success criteria** – Have you met them? Show your evidence in the boxes below.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

How will you improve your work?