



As part of our Learning Journey on Crime and Punishment, we have been learning about smuggling and how it came to be so common in the eighteenth century due to high taxes.

Tax priorities

Here are six areas of life that are paid for using the money that comes from taxes. Think about these and then decide on your priority order for spending. Which should we spend most money on? Which least?

- health – doctors, nurses and hospitals
- the police
- the Armed Forces – the Royal Navy, British Army and Royal Air Force

Force

- education – schools and teachers
- protecting the countryside

museums.



How did you decide?

What is tax?

- When you have a job and earn money, you pay some of that money back to the government as tax.
- If you run a business, some of the profit the business makes is given to the government as a tax.
- Some of the things you buy also have tax included in the price.

All that tax money is then used by the government to pay for the things that are important to us and our families, our local communities and the country.

In the same way that families have to discuss and agree how best to spend their money, the government also has to make difficult decisions about how to spend the money that is collected from taxes.

Talk to adults about taxes – how much can you find out?



Design – design a piece of work that explains why taxation is important and why people should pay the correct amount of tax. This could be in the form of a:

- poster
- information leaflet
- PowerPoint slide
- newspaper article, with a catchy headline and some illustrations.

Or you may have a better idea of your own....

