What's going on?

Following the Presidential election in America held on the 3rd November, Joe Biden is expected to have won the race to become the next US president, meaning a defeat over current President Donald Trump. It is thought that Mr Biden has won the key state of Pennsylvania, meaning he is highly likely to win once all the votes are counted (as this takes him past the total of 270 electoral college votes needed to become President). Donald Trump's team hasn't accepted defeat yet and said it will fight on. It's also a historic day for the newly elected Vice President Kamala Harris, who will now be the first ever female Vice President of America. She's also made history as the first black woman and south Asian American to have the role of Vice President.

Question:

Who will be America's new President and Vice President?

Listen, think, share

- Look at the poster image. Discuss what you can see. Do you know who any of the people are in the photo or what the photo may be of? Talk about the recent election in America. Do we know who currently is the President there? Donald Trump has been the President for the past four years and now, following the election held earlier this week, a new President has been elected.
- In American, there were two people that US voters could choose from to be the next president of their country - current president, Donald Trump representing the Republican party and Joe Biden who represents the Democrats. Explain that Trump surprised many people when he was elected president in 2016, as he wasn't expected to win.
- Joe Biden has now been elected as the new President in America and Kamala Harris as the new Vice President, they will start their roles in January 2021. The reason why the US presidential election makes news headlines all around the world is because the result will have big consequences globally, the President of the United States is considered to be one of the most powerful people in the world. Kamala Harris has also made history as she is not only the first woman in American history to become the Vice President but also the first black and south Asian American too!
- Read through the information found on the resource which provides information about Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Do you think they make good candidates for their new roles? Why?
- Watch the useful video which shows the victory speeches of Biden and Harris. What do you think their key messages are? What are your first impressions of them?

Reflection

Democracy allows us all to have a voice. The US have recently held their Presidential election, to find out who will be their next President. Following the votes, they have decided to elect a new President for the next four years, Joe Biden and the Vice President will be Kamala Harris.

Challenges

1. Can you find out what the goals of Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are? Can you create a fact file about their lives?
2. Can you write a list of questions you'd like to ask Biden or Harris?

Web Links

Useful video – Biden and Harris' victory speeches
www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-us-2020-54859636
Story link
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