

# Eco-Schools Assembly

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January

# School Grounds

Regular outdoor learning sessions.



- Teachers to plan in more opportunities, ready for when everyone is back in school. This can be linked to our wider curriculum topics. Can you help your teachers to do this?
- Take a look at the outdoor learning page of our school website. Could you pick an activity each week to do outside with your bubble? There are 3 and a half weeks left of this half term so you could do at least 3!

# Litter



- Work with Thatcham Litter Pickers to organise litter picks outside school. Each family could adopt a small area around Thatcham that they pick regularly.
- Regular lunch litter picks.

These are actions we will start work on once everybody is back in school.

# Energy

Non-Curriculum Day (like Water Warriors) where we learn about where our energy comes from, how to save it etc.

This can be planned for when everyone is back in school.



# Water

More automatic taps.

This could be looked at as part of the building project.



# Waste

## Compost heaps

This could be part of the shared garden area (currently the KS1 garden).



# Eco-project

The children who are learning at home will be set the challenge of completing an eco-project. This project will be under the home learning tab on the school website soon.

Can you find some time in your bubbles to complete one of the project ideas?

# Energy

At school – as a class, find out which company supplies energy to Parsons Down and what type of energy sources they use. Could you find the school a greener energy supplier for the same price or less?

Take a break from electricity – During lockdown, electricity is vital for helping us to learn, keep in contact with friends and family and pass the time, but it's also important for the wellbeing of yourself and the planet to take some time off! Take regular screen breaks – do some exercise, read a book, create something.

- Find out about renewable energy.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztv4q6f/articles/zmwm6v4>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sl\\_ot8qoXE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sl_ot8qoXE)

Pick your favourite renewable energy source (solar, wind, hydro, tidal, geothermal etc) and design a flyer about it. Remember to include a title, pictures, information about how the energy source works and why we should use this type of energy over fossil fuels.

Some examples of flyers:



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- Pick a tree from your garden, local neighbourhood or within school grounds. Give your tree a name and write a diary entry from the tree's perspective – including details of the animals you see and how the weather effects your branches and leaves. Does your tree have any friends it waves to in the wind?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yWOqeyPIVRo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tuxc9URHYFc>

- Fold a piece of paper so you have 4 sections. Each one of these sections will be one of the 4 seasons (Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter) – write down a season in each section. In each of the season sections, write or draw plants and wildlife that thrive during that season. When everyone returns to school, these could be useful as a blueprint for making Parsons Down eco all year round.

# Waste

- Your challenge for the day is to have a whole day when you send no rubbish to landfill! You can still use any recycling or organic waste bins you have, but not your general rubbish bin (so check your council's website to see what items you can recycle)!

<https://info.westberks.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=45892&p=0>

Perhaps you could include your whole family in this experiment! What challenges did you find?

- Check the use by dates of items of food in your fridge and kitchen cupboards. Write down the items alongside their use by date - this can be recorded in a table or however you would like to display the information.

Find a recipe that you can help an adult to cook, which uses food items that may otherwise go to waste. <https://lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Take a photo of your ingredients as well as your finished dish.

- Please send any eco work to our Eco-Coordinator at the following email address: [EcoCoordinator@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:EcoCoordinator@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk)
- ***\*Eco Gems will be awarded for all work sent in.***

