

A satellite view of Earth showing the Americas, with the title text overlaid.

Ways to be environmentally friendly

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Global warming

- As we speak the ice is melting causing the sea to rise and this is not just affecting animals on the ice it is also affecting animals in the sea and even humans living on the coasts. The whole world needs act now to slow this process down
- Global warming is happening when we burn fossil fuels and when we burn fossil fuels it is creating a poisonous gas around Earth trapping all the heat inside.
- In our school we could do a project by learning about it then thinking of ways we could help in our every day life. Our school is in one of the most polluted parts of the city.



Plastics in the oceans

- Everyday millions and millions bits of plastic end up in the sea. This affects marine life because the animals think its food so they eat it which sadly poisons them and normally those animals are not at the top of the food chain so the other animals eat them then they get poisoned and it keeps going on and on.
- We could help by pledging to not use plastic straws, cups and disposable shopping bags so reducing our use of plastic.

A photograph showing a village with several houses on a hillside in the background. In the foreground, there is a large, circular area of deforestation, characterized by a cleared, brownish ground covered with charred tree stumps and branches. The background is a dense, green forest.

De-forestation

- Every year about 15 billion trees are cut down all around the world and that 20% of the Amazon rainforest is already gone! The Amazon is unique source of plant and wildlife - some of this is yet to be discovered. The Amazon could contain medicines that we do not yet know of and could help treat illnesses.
- We could help slow it down by cutting down our use of paper at home and school. Recycling can help but you still have to cut down those trees.



Bees

- Lots of people think bees are pests because they sting you. But actually they help feed the planet by pollinating our crops. Sadly, they are dying out.
- We could help bees by planting flowers and plants on the roof garden that attract bees. Each year group could investigate and grow to see what flowers or plants are bee friendly.
- Visit:<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GqA42M4RtxE>
- By raising money we could adopt a hive at www.bbka.org.uk



How we can help

Plastics reduction all year round.

Reduction of paper use all year round.

Planting of bee-friendly flowers or plants in the spring term.

No heating or lights for global warming in the summer.

Serve more cold foods in the summer.

Encourage people to walk, cycle or scoot.

Less use of interactive smartboards.

Have an annual green day where we come into school wearing green.

Encourage families to turn the washing machine to 30 degrees.

Encourage staff to take their own cups if they want take-away coffee or tea.

Have an assembly once a term to focus on an aspect of the environment.

Ask the children their ideas for how we can save energy and water for school and home.