

# Partnering for the planet

## Primary lesson plan – teacher guidance

Below are some actions/pledges that you could use.

### Individual

- Encourage our parents to turn the thermostat down by 1°C. Not only will it save on electricity bills, but it will also prevent fossil fuel consumption which is still the main fuel source for Britain's energy.
- Walk or cycle to school – this stops CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases being emitted from cars.
- Don't waste food (make sure we finish the food on our plates) and make sure it goes into the food waste bin. If everyone saved the food from their plate it could have the same impact as taking one in four cars off the road.
- Turn off lights, TVs and other electrical appliances at home when we are not using them.
- Make sure you are putting recycling into your recycling bins at home. Less energy is required in the manufacturing of products using recyclable raw materials and fewer materials are incinerated saving further carbon emissions. Less waste is also then sent to landfills meaning a decrease in greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

### Class

- Don't waste paper – paper comes from trees and trees absorb carbon dioxide (a greenhouse gas) from the atmosphere. It also uses a huge amount of energy to make paper.
- Switch our main web browser from Google to Ecosia. Ecosia uses its profits to plant trees.
- Have a 'no electricity' day.
- Do an assembly to the rest of the school to inform other students about what they could do and raise awareness across the whole school.
- Have Energy Monitors to switch off computers / lights / white boards over breaks.
- Plant a tree, or several!
- Explore links to climate change across all subject areas – see the additional lesson plans for further ways to embed climate education.

### School

- Email reports and letters unless parents ask for it to be printed out – this reduces paper use.
- Decrease schools' meat consumption, e.g. Meat Free Monday and if using beef, only have it on the menu once a week.
- Use locally sourced seasonal / organic food. This reduces our carbon footprint by reducing food miles.
- Replace strip lights with LED over time – they may be more expensive, but they last longer.
- Use environmentally friendly glue and masking tape, instead of clear sticky tape.
- Invest in solar energy panels (and have less energy expenditure!).