

# We're doing Eco-Schools!



# What is Eco-Schools?

Eco-Schools is a simple project, for schools like us, to look after our environment, local community and beyond.



# Why are young people taking action?

Climate change is happening now, and it will continue getting worse.

We can make a difference!



# Across the year, we'll deliver activities that connect to some of the 10 Eco-Schools topics



## **Biodiversity -**

Animals, plants and school environment



## **Energy -**

Use of renewable energy and reduce day-to-day usage.



## **Global Citizenship -**

Peaceful, sustainable and fair planet



## **Healthy Living -**

Boost the health and wellbeing of both people and planet.



### **Litter -**

Empower young people to take responsibility for their local community and reduce litter.



### **Marine -**

Protect water-based eco-systems, such as rivers, canals and beaches.



### **School Grounds -**

Improve our setting for people, plants, animals and insects.



### **Transport -**

Promote sustainable travel, cutting carbon emissions.



### **Waste -**

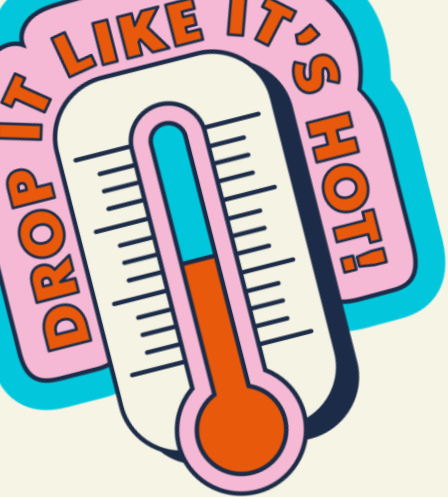
Reduce waste



### **Water -**

Reduce water uses.





POWER!



# CUT YOUR CARBON

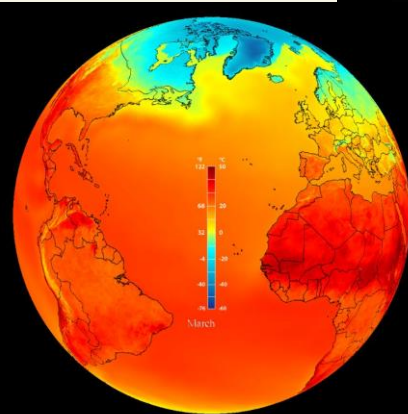
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# Why is carbon important?

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Fortunately, there are gases in our atmosphere that trap heat and stop it from escaping. This makes the global average temperature 14°C, perfect for living things.





We call these gases  
**'Greenhouse Gases'**  
because like the glass of a  
greenhouse, they trap heat.  
Many of these greenhouse  
gases contain carbon.



# Why should we cut our carbon?

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Every day humans create energy, drive cars, grow food, and power factories.

These activities can release huge amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

More greenhouse gases means more trapped heat. This is making Earth warmer, creating '**climate change**'.



Climate change is harming our planet, melting ice caps and creating dangerous weather events including drought, and floods.







It's time to push back against climate change.

It's time to shout loud and inspire everyone to act.

It's time to **Cut Your Carbon!**

# What next?

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In November, complete all 6 challenges at home!

Each activity will reduce your carbon emissions and inspire others to act.

**Good Luck**



1. Make 5 miles of travel 'active'

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2. Go plant-based for a day

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3. Turn down the heating by 1° for a week

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4. Buy nothing new for 1 month

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5. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes

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6. Switch off all non-essential electrical devices for an hour

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