Sherwood Primary School

Sustainability Challenge 2023



Welcome to an overview of our Sustainability Challenge 2023. All classes are challenged to complete a series of sustainable tasks (10 tasks to complete by July). The aim of each challenge is to raise the profile of the **small actions** that we can take, collectively, that will have a positive impact on the planet we share.

As part of our challenge, all classes have received the book **It's Up to Us** - a children's Terra Carta for Nature, People and Planet. The Terra Carta is a plan or roadmap to sustainability issued by His Royal Highness King Charles.

So the challenge has been set:

Challenge 1: Create an 'It's Up to Us' class scrap book from recycled materials.

Challenge 2: Read a book with a sustainability theme. Create a short green screen video book review for our School website.

Challenge 3: Re-use challenge: In an assembly, each class will be presented with an item that was destined for the bin! Your challenge is to write a list of ten ways that the item could be re-used.

Challenge 4: Endangered Species

EYFS/KS1: Consider the animals that you are passionate about. Create a short dance to celebrate the beauty of land or sea animals.

KS2: Research an endangered species and then write to an organisation who are working to protect that species, to seek advice on action that we can take to help. Include your letter and even a reply in your scrapbook.

Challenge 5: Conserve Water

Write a list of five ways of conserving water at home and at School. Add the list with illustrations to your 'It's Up to Us' scrapbook.

Challenge 6: Flick the switch - Consider ways of saving energy both at home and in your classroom and write a list to add to your scrapbook. Classroom spot checks will be carried out when your classroom is not in use. Your class have to achieve a 'full energy saving check' on five separate occasions. Good luck!

Challenge 7: Food challenge

EYFS/KS1: Research food that can grow in the UK. Have a go at growing your own food in our raised beds. There is a raised bed of each year group. Can you collect additional evidence of 'grow your own' projects at home – add these pictures to your scrapbook. **KS2:** Spend time auditing a selection of lunchboxes brought into school. How could you reduce waste or packaging? Make a change and take pictures as evidence.

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Challenge 8: Habitat Heroes

EYFS/KS1: Create a bug hotel, hedgehog house, bird feeder or bee house for our School Grounds. Take a picture as evidence for your class scrapbook and include any pictures from your own home or garden too!

KS2: Consider how to protect habitats through the things we buy: stand up against deforestation, by avoiding foods that contain unsustainable <u>palm oil</u> for example. Make a collection of labels and products that recycle or use sustainable products – this can include clothing, food and household items.

Challenge 9: Classroom Audit

Complete a classroom audit together: empty your recycling bin at the end of a week – could any items be reused? Consider some next steps: are both sides of paper used before recycling? Do you have a spare paper drawer?

Take pictures of your audit as evidence to add to your scrapbook and write some class targets for improvement.

Challenge 10: Planet Passions

What is the real secret of how to save the planet?

Sharing your knowledge with others and helping them to become eco-heroes too! What are your planet passions?

Whether it's saving spectacular habitats, protecting endangered species, reducing rubbish in our local area or eco-friendly living, don't be afraid to speak up and tell others about your **planet passions!** It takes lots of people working together to make change happen – so share, share, share! So, learn a new song with a Sustainability Theme and sing about your planet passions!

IT'S UP TO US