

Eco Schools at home campaign – The 5 challenges

1) Create a don't drop litter poster

Draw, paint, collage an imaginative anti-littering poster to put on display in a window in school or at home to let others know that you care about the environment. The poster can be personal to you – why do you think it is important to not drop litter? Be as creative as you can and use lots of bright, bold colours to help your poster to stand out and make your message clear. As a class group or family you could make lots of posters and place one in every window!

Evidence for school – Please send us a clear photo of your poster/s. It would be even better if the photo shows them on display in a window for everybody to see!

2) Upcycle a plastic bottle

As part of the 5Rs we would like you to upcycle an old (clean) plastic bottle and give it a new life as an interesting item. How about a bird feeder? Or a pencil holder? There are 1000s of possibilities – you could even get creative and add other upcycled items to your bottle such as cloth or buttons from old clothes. To help others to make your upcycled creation in the future please also write a short 'How to Guide' explaining what you did and what items you used to create your masterpiece.

Evidence for school – Please send us a clear photo of your upcycled bottle creation AND an electronic copy of your 'How to Guide' to help others recreate your idea. If you are struggling to create the 'How to Guide' electronically please send a clear image instead.

3) History of litter interview

Is the amount of litter getting worse? We would like you to think of 3 litter related questions to safely ask an older person either in school or at home (maybe a grandparent via zoom!) about the problem of litter in England. You could even ask them if they remember any of the old Keep Britain Tidy litter campaigns!

Evidence for school – Please send us a copy of your questions AND a transcript of the answers that you received.

4) Carry out a plastic waste tally

Over two days we would like you to carry out a simple tally, counting the number of plastic items that are thrown away or recycled either in your classroom or kitchen/bathroom at home or both if you want to compare. Based on your results we would like you to write a personal 'plastic pledge' stating how you will help to reduce the amount of plastic you use. If in school you could create a class pledge or if at home you could create a family pledge. Can you reduce your plastic waste and start new habits?

Evidence for school – Please send us a copy of your tally results AND a copy of your 'plastic pledge'

5) Create a presentation about the dangers of litter to wildlife

Write and plan a short presentation (no longer than five minutes) about the dangers of litter to wildlife and what we could do to prevent these dangers. Your presentation must include images and text and can be about any form of wildlife, including aquatic. You may decide to focus your presentation on one creature and carry out a little more research about specific dangers of litter to them. Once you have created your presentation we would like you to safely deliver it to your class or to your family. Let others know all about your findings and ask if they have any extra ideas to help protect wildlife from the dangers of litter.

Evidence for school – Please send us a copy of your presentation including any additional resources or links that you think the Eco Schools judges will find interesting. If you have any feedback from your presentations you may also want to include this.