

Focus Topics, Targets and Actions

During the academic year 2022-2023, staff and pupils at Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre will be focusing on the following five Eco topics:

Biodiversity

School Grounds

Waste

Global Citizenship

Litter

Here are the targets that the Eco Committee set at the beginning of the year for each of the focus topics and the actions we intend to take in order to achieve the targets by July 2023:

Biodiversity

Target: To identify invertebrates in the school grounds.

Actions:

1. Whole school take part in 'What's Under Your Feet?' campaigns. Pupils will be supported in identifying different invertebrates in the Nature Area and will record their results using an appropriate method for their age group as outlined in the Maths National Curriculum. Children will engage in this activity in autumn and summer term so comparisons in data can be made and reasons for any changes to be considered.

Biodiversity/School Grounds

Target: To develop and maintain class planters in KS1.

Actions:

1. Each Year 1 and Year 2 class will have a planter constructed outside their classroom on the KS1 playground. Children will be involved in the planting of them and a rota will be created for all pupils to be responsible for their maintenance.

Target: To develop a wild meadow area alongside the KS2 playground.

Actions:

1. Poppy seeds will be scattered on the grass area next to the KS2 playground by Eco Warriors. Once established, this area should attract more birds and minibeasts into this part of the school grounds.

Target: To develop the plant life outside the main entrance of the school.

Actions:

1. Some of the grass on the island outside the main entrance of the school will be cut away to make space for planting of more pansies in order to make the school grounds more aesthetically pleasing. Eco Warriors will be involved in this process.

Waste

Target: To develop understanding of the importance of reducing waste.

Actions:

1. Whole school take part in 'Waste Week 2023'. Key stage assemblies will take place and each year group to engage in a lesson/activity based on the campaign's theme.

Target: To involve the children and wider community in recycling unwanted clothes.

Actions:

1. Arrange termly textile recycling collections with a reputable company. Advertise the collections on the school website, through termly Eco newsletters, assemblies and the text message system.

Global Citizenship

Target: To develop pupils understanding of global citizenship.

Actions:

1. All pupils will engage in a 'global citizenship' assembly which will explore the definition of the term and the idea of climate change/the climate crisis. Children will also be introduced to global charities including 'Send a Cow'.
2. Children will take part in a sponsored activity and the money raised will be donated to a Global Citizen charity. This will link to learning about global issues into the curriculum areas of English, Maths, Art or D&T building on the inclusion into Geography, Science and PSHE curriculum areas (Eco Schools Green Flag feedback, July 2022)

Global Citizenship/Litter

Target: To encourage pupils to contribute to improving the environment at a global scale.

Actions:

1. Key stage assemblies will take place during the summer term based on the 'litter' topic. A challenge will be introduced for pupils to conduct a litter pick when they're on their summer holidays and to take photographs. On return to school in the new autumn term, photographs will be shared in assemblies and a display will be created to evidence our pupils' global contribution to improving the environment.

Litter

Target: To further reduce the amount of litter in the school grounds.

Actions:

1. Eco Warriors will conduct a half termly litter pick around the school grounds, supervised by a member of staff on the Eco Committee. All pupils will be reminded frequently during assemblies about the importance of putting rubbish in the bins and will be encouraged to pick up any litter they can see at the end of playtimes.