



Spring 2 2023

Our theme this half term has been 'Saving Our Environment.' Throughout school, we have explored what our theme means and have enjoyed learning about different topics that link to the theme. We have also learnt some new vocabulary.

## Nursery and Reception

This half term, the topic has been 'Let's Get Growing!' The children have been learning about things that grow, including plants, flowers and food. They have explored how plants grow and what they need to help them to survive. The children have started to plant their own vegetables to create a vegetable patch. They have also noticed signs of spring in their immediate environment and the reception children have discovered frogspawn in ponds around school. The children have also been learning all about the celebration of Easter.



## Year 1 and 2

This half term, the children have been learning about habitats, hot and cold places and how humans have changed the habitats of animals. In geography, the children have focused on hot and cold climates. The children have learnt about the seven continents and countries within them in relation to the equator. They have then compared a hot country, Kenya, to a cold country, Finland. The children learnt that countries in the Arctic Circle are colder because they are further away from the equator. The children then used their knowledge to learn about how humans are changing the habitats of animals, linking this to global warming.



## Year 3 and 4

After completing their topic on the Greeks, the children dived straight into learning about natural disasters in the topic 'How do natural disasters affect human lives?' The children were hooked into their learning by using their drama skills to pretend they were in an earthquake. They considered what they would do, where they would take cover and what they would take with them. They then learnt all about earthquakes, the causes, what happens during an earthquake and where in the world they happen. The children also learnt some facts about the Haiti earthquake in 2010. Year 3 and 4 are looking forward to finishing the topic by learning about tsunamis and hurricanes next half term.



## Year 5 and 6

After completing their topic about the Victorians, the year 5 and 6 children began their new learning about rainforests in the topic 'Why are the world's rainforests important to us?' The children learnt about the difference between tropical and temperate rainforests and located these on a world map. This led directly onto learning about the climate zones and how they vary depending on their position to the equator. The year 5 and 6 children have also created their own rainforest area within school. The children are really looking forward to learning specifically about the Amazon Rainforest in much more detail next half term.

