

Geography - The Environment

Year 4
Autumn 2

Overview

This topic develops an understanding of the importance of taking care of the environment. We will consider the environment which immediately surrounds us and compare this with other parts of the world. We will look at issues around waste and litter and consider its adverse effect on the environment and how this can be improved.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Environment	Natural surroundings in which you live or exist considered in relation to their physical characteristics or weather conditions.
Waste	as used paper, empty tins and bottles and waste food.
Recycle	A process to change used materials into new products; to prevent the waste of useful materials
Landfill	a deep hole in which very large amounts of rubbish are buried.
Reuse	To use products more than once; to find new uses for items
Pollution	The presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance which has harmful or poisonous effects.
Reversible change	A physical change that can be undone.
Irreversible change	A physical change that cannot be undone.
Eco-friendly	Not harmful to the environment (animals and plants).



Key Knowledge

- Describe what is meant by 'environment'.
- Discuss what we like and dislike about our local environment, the wider community and the world.
- Consider what is meant by 'waste/rubbish'.
- Investigate where waste goes and how it gets there.
- Consider how we could reduce the amount of rubbish produced.
- Give reasons as to why we should try to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce.

