



# Year 2 Curriculum Overview - Planet Protectors

Spring 2 2023

**Curriculum Intent:** Our topic will focus upon the impact that humans have upon our world and how we can take care of our local and global environment. We will consider how small choices we can have can affect our planet and highlight our responsibility to protect our environment. We will encourage the children to share their ideas through debate and consider a variety of perspectives. Our topic will finish with a trip to a local park to pick up litter to improve the local environment.



**English** — Our learning will be based around two texts 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett and 'A Planet full of Plastic', a fantastic non-fiction text. We will be learning to write persuasive letters and to consider different perspectives when writing stories. We will learn and explain the meaning of new technical vocabulary. Our Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation learning will revisit word and sentence types to make our writing more interesting. We will also learn about word suffixes e.g. -ment, -ful, and use these appropriately in our writing.



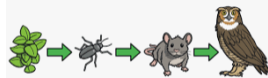
**Maths** — We will be learning how to divide numbers using grouping. We will learn common 3D and 2D shapes and how to describe their properties. We will learn about the value and equivalent value of money and solve problems within the context of money. We will continue to learn key facts such as 2, 5, 10 times tables and number bonds so that we can apply this knowledge to calculate efficiently.



**Forest** — We will be looking after our immediate environment and the animals within it, by making bird feeders, and using our mapping skills.



**Science** — We will learn about animal survival and the process of food chains. We will consider the different ways animals must move to get their food.



**Geography** — We will find out about the journey of a plastic bag to revise our learning of continents and oceans and read the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We will be comparing two places— Gosport and Kota Kinabalu in Asia. We will compare their physical and human features.



**DT** — We will be planning and making a winding mechanism toy based on our English text 'Tidy'. We will design what it looks like first, create a background and choose what will 'fall' in the forest and which characters we want to move using the mechanisms. These will be brought home for you to enjoy and hopefully they can retell you the story using the toy!

**RE** — We will consider the concept of welcoming, both in our everyday lives and also through the Christian story of Palm Sunday.



**Music** — Mrs Reynolds, from Hampshire Music Service will continue to teach the children recorders this term. This will focus on developing finger coordination skills and playing as part of an ensemble. We are hopeful that we will be able to perform a concert later on in Spring 2 so that you can see the children perform.



**Computing** — We will be learning how to code using Purple Mash both in class and at home. Please look out for your child's password again soon in your book bag.



**PSHE (Jigsaw)** — Our focus through 'Jigsaw' is 'Healthy Me'. We will find out about how to keep ourselves healthy both at home and at school. We will be learning about exercise, hygiene, healthy eating and making sure we have good sleeping habits.



**PE** — We will be practising ball skills and learning and performing an aboriginal dance! PE is on a Tuesday and Friday this 1/2 term

