



# Let's Look After Our World



A leaflet written by Pupil Council for parents and children to talk about at home.

## Why is looking after our environment important?

Our environment is really important for several reasons:

- Plants and animals are important for human life
- The environment is much more attractive if we look after it
- We need to preserve it for our futures and the future for everybody else



## Why do people litter?

Sometimes, children litter by accident, but often, it is because they are busy doing something and think that someone else will pick up their rubbish.

## Helpful tips to reduce litter:

- Put your litter straight in the bin
- At school, put fruit/vegetable leftovers in the green bins outside and other rubbish in the black bins. In class, use the yellow bins for paper waste.
- Try to bring a healthy snack in a reusable tub, or bring a piece of fruit that doesn't need a wrapper



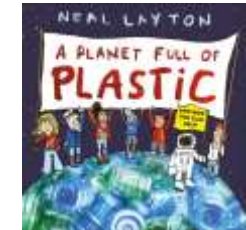
## Some surprising information about litter:

- Some litter such as plastic wrappers, straws etc. can take hundreds of years to decompose
- Animals can be hurt and even die because of litter
- If someone drops chewing gum on the ground, it does not decompose like food - it is like plastic waste



Help to keep our school environment a lovely one by being responsible.

Here are some lovely books for more information:



### What you can do to help:



If you see someone littering at school, remind them politely that they have dropped something



If the other person does not pick it up, tell an adult



If you helpfully pick up any litter, always wash your hands afterwards and never pick up something if you are unsure what it is



### Other ways to help the environment:



Save energy by switching off lights and devices when not in use



Save heat by keeping doors closed



Try not to waste paper and think about what could be recycled



Try not to waste water - don't leave taps running



### What parents can do:

- Talk to your child/ren about looking after the environment
- Encourage saving water, energy and waste

*Thank you for taking time to read and discuss this leaflet...  
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