



Amberley Primary School **Eco Schools / Sustainability Teaching and Learning Profile**



Curriculum Intent

At Amberley Primary School, we encourage all children to develop an awareness of environmental topics in the classroom that can impact our world. We provide children with an opportunity to take leadership of environmental issues in our school and local community. As detailed in our curriculum intent, the incorporation of sustainability and Eco School allows pupils to embrace all three of our core values: nurturing, innovation and aspiration. The Eco Schools programme allows schools to embark on a path towards improving both the environment in both school and the local community while at the same time having a positive impact on the lives of pupils, their families and school staff.

Curriculum Implementation

As a way to ensure that sustainability is incorporated throughout the curriculum, we set a goal to achieve and sustain the 'Green Flag' award. To achieve Green Flag success, it is essential for our pupils and Eco Coordinator to complete the Eco School seven steps framework. The Eco Schools seven steps is a series of measures to help schools maximise the success of their Eco Schools ambitions. To become a successful Eco School, the first step is to elect an effective Eco Committee. The active involvement of staff and pupils is vital in the programme. At Amberley we elect two representatives from Years 1 - 6 and the KS2 committee members then complete an 'Eco Warrior' application form that is returned to our School Eco Coordinator.

The Eco Warriors meet at least every half term to discuss current issues around the 10 elements of the Eco School and how they are addressed in school. The 10 elements that our school is addressing are:

- Energy
- Water
- Waste
- Litter
- Global Perspectives
- Healthy Living
- School Grounds
- Biodiversity
- Transport
- Marine

We encourage our pupils to take active leadership in changes that they want to make in our school. We complete an environmental review to assess and evaluate our schools sustainability. Our environmental review allows our pupils to generate an idea of what our school needs to become more sustainable and environmentally friendly. After completing our environmental review, our Eco Warriors create an action plan which is used to identify priority elements that need to be developed within our school. We use this action plan to generate 5 targets that can be tackled throughout the school year. To ensure that sustainability is truly integrated into our curriculum, it is imperative that environmental issues are taught throughout our History, Geography and Science lessons.

Curriculum Impact

Our Eco Flag Award was up for renewal in the Summer Term of 2019. On the 13th June 2019, we had a 'Green Flag' assessor who assessed our school to see if Amberley could achieve and maintain our Green Flag Award. We took our visitor on a tour of the school and the school grounds. Our Eco Coordinator and Eco Warriors discussed each element of the Green Flag Award and what our school does to target each element. The assessor commented on how friendly, caring and enthusiastic the children were about sustainability. The assessor contacted school two weeks after our visit to tell us that we had achieved our Green Flag Award. The Eco Lead has recently delivered training to the NTSCITT 2019-20 cohort to give an insight of how a school can achieve a Green Flag Award and discuss how schools can encourage sustainability in their school.