

Waste

We have reduced waste in our school and changed how we recycle and reuse.

The Eco Committee introduced compost bins. They held an assembly to explain to the other children what compost was and what should and should not go into the bins. They also monitored the packed lunch areas to ensure people were following the rules and only composting the right items. As a result, we now have two full compost bins as well as a larger compost area in use, ready for the summer term when we introduced more gardening.

The Eco Committee also wanted to raise money for charity and so decided to get a clothes recycling bin. We chose a company that supports the local area charities and also pays the school for each tonne that is received. This money was then used to fund our eco garden and other eco initiatives.

The Eco Committee created a board all about waste and the 5R's to educate other children about how they can reduce waste at school but also at home.

Children are now responsible for checking the recycling bins in each classroom before emptying it into the larger recycling bins. Due to these checks, we have had less 'rejections' of recycling due to unrecyclable items being in there. Any classrooms that were still recycling the wrong thing had the Eco Committee go and speak to the class to educate them in what can and cannot be recycled.

We wanted reusing to be a big part of our waste topic this year and to educate children that some items of 'rubbish' can actually be used for other things and be reused, saving energy and money. As such, we worked closely with the Art leader to create a whole corridor display using only waste and recycling items.

The Eco Committee wanted to continue the aspect of reusing by completing a "Used Book Swap". This was where children bought old books from home that they had read and swapped them with someone else's book to encourage reusing items instead of throwing them away.



