



Deforestation

Deforestation is a terrible environmental problem happening all around the world. It involves the permanent destruction of forests to make the land available for other



uses. An estimated 18 million acres of forest, which is the size of the country of Panama, are lost each year, according to the United Nations' Food and agriculture organisation.

How can we help?

Well, we can help by keeping forests intact. Regulating regional rainfall will prevent floods and drought. Many indigenous and forest people rely on tropical forests for their livelihoods. Investments in reducing deforestation provides them with the resources they need for sustainable development without deforestation.

What would happen if deforestation continues?

So if deforestation continues and we see the beginning of global

desertification, it will have resounding impacts on the global climate.

Extreme weather events will increase: flooding, monsoons, and drought will be common as there would be a lack of containment of rain water in trees or protection from continued rains.

Little jobs that we can all do to help.

1. Use your own reusable bags at the shops.
2. Use both sides of a piece of paper.
3. Go vegetarian for one day each week.
4. Plant a tree.
5. Recycle as much as possible.

Charlie - Year 6

Save the Sea from Plastic

In the Ocean, there is an island made of plastic rubbish. The plastic comes from the bottles, bags, and other



things that we throw into the sea or leave on the beach.

This plastic is eaten by animals, often leading to their death. There are too many plastic items in our lives.



If you make sure that you put all these items in the recycling bin they won't end up in the sea. And always bring your rubbish home from the beach, please!

Marcos - Year 3.

RSPB School Birdwatch

EcoTeam members and parents took part in this year's Big School Birdwatch in the school grounds. We know that we have lots of different kinds of birds at St Peter's because our birdfeeders need constant refilling but on Wednesday 21 February the main bird species we saw were Crows, followed by Blackbirds and Wood Pigeons. The records were sent in to the RSPB and a certificate was sent for our noticeboard.

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

Our special Fairtrade Day, held on Wednesday 27 February, began with a Fairtrade breakfast for 40 children with Town Mayor, Rex Whittaker. The theme for Fairtrade Fortnight this year was ***She deserves a living income***. **Fact:** £1.86* is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently, a typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on

around 74p a day. The breakfast was followed by a special Assembly with Barney Smyth from the Fairtrade Foundation who talked further about the poverty facing cocoa farmers. Year 5 pupils provided a drama on the theme of the future of chocolate. Imagine no more chocolate if cocoa farmers go out of business!

After school our monthly Fairtrade stall raised £77.33. A further sum of £273.49 was sent to the Fairtrade Foundation from the £1 donations pupils gave for wearing non-uniform Fairtrade colours and from the Fairtrade breakfast proceeds.

During Fairtrade Fortnight each class did a Fairtrade activity. These included learning more about chocolate, tasting Fairtrade chocolate, discussing and writing about how Fairtrade can help overcome problems in the cocoa farming industry, representing the various stages of cocoa production through dance, and making Fairtrade logos from coloured rice.



A competition was also held inviting pupils to design a cover for a Fairtrade Easter egg and this was won by Annabel - Year 5.