

Caldecote Primary School Curriculum Big Ideas

Sustainability and Environment



Understanding the relationship between people and the planet, and the impact of human choices on the environment.

Curriculum content

This big idea invites children to explore the natural and built environments that shape our lives and the world around us. They investigate how people, places and the planet are interconnected, developing an understanding of the systems, resources and environments that support life on Earth.

Through a range of subject lenses, children examine how human actions influence the environment and how environmental change can affect communities, habitats and future generations. They explore themes such as climate, biodiversity, sustainability, resource use and conservation, considering both local and global perspectives.

Children develop an appreciation of the responsibility we all share in caring for the world around us. They learn how informed choices and collective action can help create a more sustainable future, fostering a sense of stewardship for their local environment and the wider planet.

This Big Idea is supported through a wide range of environmental, sustainability and outdoor learning opportunities, including:

- Eco Council and Eco Schools Green Flag initiatives
- JTA sustainable travel campaigns
- Recycling and waste-reduction projects
- Energy-saving campaigns
- Environmental awareness campaigns
- Forest School and outdoor learning experiences
- Planting, biodiversity and wildlife projects
- Local area studies and fieldwork
- Community litter picks
- Science Week projects linked to sustainability
- Environmental awareness events e.g., Earth Day
- Climate change and sustainability learning
- Broadening Horizons and My Community, My Behaviour, My Safety Assemblies
- Character Education Programme
- Caldecote Book Spine texts that promote environmental awareness and stewardship
- Fundraising and action projects linked to environmental causes