



# Sustainable Schools

Within the school curriculum there are opportunities for learning about caring for our environment. This is at a local and, increasingly, at a global level.

Also, Schools now have to work towards becoming Sustainable.

'A Sustainable School is a school built on the principles of sustainable development which encourages:

- Care for oneself – our health and well being
- Care for each other – across cultures and generations
- Care for the environment – near and far'

## What are we doing at Maple?

We have 2 Sustainability Ambassadors in Year 6 – Charlotte and Edith. They, and 2 other children from Year 6, along with Ambassadors from other local Primary and Secondary Schools, are attending a one day conference this term, where they will receive training about being Eco Ambassadors/Councillors and will gather lots of information and ideas.

We also have an active Eco Council which meets once a month to talk about Eco issues in the school and share ideas for how the school could be even more Eco-friendly! They also carry out important Eco jobs every week, such as emptying the class recycling bins, filling up the bird feeders, watering our herb & vegetable gardens, topping up the pond and bird baths, litter picking, reading the electricity and gas meters, and carrying out spot checks on classrooms to see how Eco-friendly they are.

We have an Eco display board in the hall and all the classrooms have an Eco display board too! CHECK THEM OUT!

We choose a different Eco focus each term and plan activities around that focus. We always have lots of fun!

We have an Action Team of the Ambassadors, Mr Bowen, Mrs Turner, Mrs Sykes, Mrs Davidson, Mr Meek and Mr Cullens. Every year we undertake an environmental review and decide which aspects we can improve to make our Action Plan.

All the things we have done so far mean that we achieved the Eco Schools Green Flag Award in July 2012. After another in-depth assessment, this was re-accredited to us in July 2014. This is a brilliant achievement – well done Maple School!