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Dear Parents/Carers

Next week, we will be having an 'Eco week' in school where the children will have opportunities to think about the whole school and the wider community and become involved in exciting environmental projects. As a school, we are part of an organisation called 'Eco-Schools' 'which is a '**global programme** engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries, making it the largest educational programme on the planet'. We already have the Bronze Award and waiting to hear the results of our Silver Award application.

When the children come home they may share their learning with you which may include some of the key Eco areas - **Transport** is one of them. Perhaps next week, you could encourage your child to walk or scoot part way to school.

We will be talking about another area - **Water** and **Waste** so they might start talking about using reusable bottles and having less packaging with snacks and lunches. We will also look at **Litter** in and around the surrounding area.

We are already fortunate to have a parent in our school who is a Keep Britain Tidy Litter Hero Ambassador who often posts pictures of their litter picks on the parents Facebook page which you might have seen.

As a school, we have signed up to be part of the Essex Plastic Pledge. It states - 'Plastic has become a real problem for the planet but together by making small changes we really can make a difference.' We have attached a letter that they have produced to share with parents/carers – it made us think!

We hope that the children will enjoy sharing what they have found out with you this week as they are our future ambassadors!

Thank you for your support during this exciting week.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. C. Huggett