# CHANGING OUR WORLD

PROJECT : MONDAY 6TH JULY - FRIDAY 17TH JULY







#### TO UNDERSTAND AND REFLECT ON BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS

- How did the climate change whilst the world was in lock down?
- Why do you think this is?
- Is this a positive or negative change for our environment?
- Watch this <u>video</u>
- Write a reflection on changes you noticed in the environment around you

PICK ONE OF THE CHANGES CREATE A N D POST ER PU O U R  $\bigcirc$ WINDOW FOR ALL TO SEE! MAKE YOUR PASSERS BY SMILE!



## TO WRITE A DIARY ENTRY

What are the positive changes in your own household? Write a diary entry about these changes. What are you loving? What do you miss? Did you learn a new skill or discover a new passion? As we notice the changes happening to the current climate, we can reflect on the importance of looking after our world

Listen to this story.

What Happened When We All Stopped is written by best-selling author Tom Rivett-Carnac, who has spent the last 20 years working on <u>climate change</u>.

He played an important role in helping create the <u>Paris Agreement on climate change in 2015</u>, which was signed by 195 countries.

Tom decided to use the lockdown as an opportunity to write a story about how to rebuild our environment and tackle climate change.

Tom explains: "The fundamental message in this poem is one of hope. "The future is unwritten. What happens next is up to us. We who are here now get to choose how the next chapter of the human story will unfold - and we must choose well." World famous anthropologist - a scientist that studies humans and human behaviour - Dr Jane Goodall was so inspired by Tom's poem that she agreed to provide the voiceover for the video inspired by the book.

Dr Goodall said: "We must find a way of living in harmony with nature so that both may thrive. I hope this story book inspires people of all ages to play their part in healing the harm we have inflicted so that together we can create a new future."

#### Write a poem about change.

How have you seen the world change around you?

Create a mind map of things you have noticed people doing more and more during lock down (walking more, spending time with family, gardening and caring for nature).

Use each of the things you have noted as the subject for each verse of your poem. Think about all the changes you have noted – change in noises around you, changes in the scenery.

You might want to base your poem on a walk you have had or a place you visited regularly, or what you would see from your window.

Make your poem 3 -4 verses long. Use descriptive language Use a repetitive phrase (Example - 'It started on a whisper...') to begin each verse.

### CREATE A FACT FILE ON RECYCLING

How important is recycling? Why?

https://www.theworldcounts.com/stories/Recycle-Facts-for-Kids

https://friendsoftheearth.uk/natural-resources/7benefits-recycling

Create fact file on recycling that encourages and tells people how and why we should recycle.

How many ways do you recycle?

DO YOU RECYCLE? Visit the rooms in your house and see what you could recycle.
Make a list of what you could recycle and how?

	bathroom	bedroom
	living room	kitchen





- Look at the artists <u>Yuken Teruyra</u>, <u>Leo Sewell</u> and many others who recycle materials into sculptures. Look around your house and collect anything that is no longer wanted to make into a sculpture.
- Make sure you send us your photos!

## **KEEPING CHANGES**

- In many parts of the world, governments are implementing plans to lock in some of the reductions in traffic caused by the pandemic.
- This includes allocating road space to walking and cycling and incentives for people to buy or maintain bikes (such as in France and the UK).
- Replacing fossil fuelled vehicles with electric ones.
- Another challenge is the growing rate of obesity we know obesity rates are higher in places where more people travel by car. Increased use of public transport can reduce obesity as well as making people happier.
- How long-lasting the COVID-19 impact on emissions is depends on how much we want some of the temporary changes to continue. For example, COVID-19 showed more people walk and cycle if there are fewer cars, which supports evidence that safety is a big barrier to cycling and we need dedicated cycle ways to keep people away from traffic. We also know people are happy with a little inconvenience to have safer play-friendly streets. We have also seen how the reduction in air travel is improving our climate.
- Encouraging some of the lockdown behavioural changes could have additional benefits. What other benefits can you think of?

How can we contribute to a healthier world and a beautiful world for us all to grow up in. Write a persuasive letter to Boris Johnson to start a campaign to keep our world clean. Remember that attention-grabbing introduction, your arguments and your conclusion. Email this back to us so we can send to the Prime Minister and await his reply!

## TO WRITE A LETTER OF PERSUASION