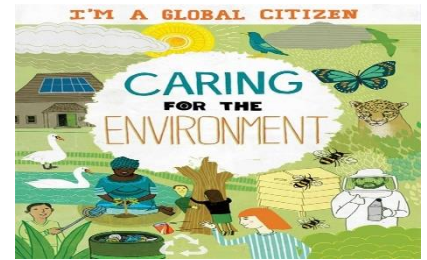




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Year 3 Rationale

Summer 1st Half Term



Why do people care for environments?

In our previous history topics, the children have learned about the legacy that Ancient Civilisations left behind. In our learning for this half term, we will begin to learn about what sort of footprint we will leave behind if we do not care for our environment. In his letter, 'Laudato Si', Pope Francis urges us to look after our common home and reminds us that the earth is God's gift to us and it is full of beauty and wonder. In this Jubilee year, the children will begin to learn how to become Pilgrims of Hope while caring for their environment. The Eco Council have recently led initiatives relating to looking after our environment – Earth Day and the RSPB Bird Watching hour – and this term we will build on these ideas to consider how the way we live our lives can impact the environment, such as pollution and global warming. Our writing will be inspired by this subject to give the children an opportunity to use their creativity to begin to tackle global problems at a local level. Researchers are already thinking about the sorts of plants we need to grow in the future. When the children are learn about plants this term, it will give them an opportunity to think about varieties that might be able to cope with our changing climate.