

April 2019

Our topic is: Save Our World



Following Earth Day on Monday 22nd April, and the growing campaign among our school children to highlight the increasing threats to their future from climate change, pollution, habitat destruction and loss of biodiversity, we want to look at the different challenges facing Our World. We will look at what they can do to reduce their carbon footprint, the importance of saving energy and water, reducing waste and increasing recycling, and the effects of plastic and air pollution. We will look at how paper is made.



Teach your child to think about their life and the impact it has on the planet. What can you do to reduce, reuse and recycle the things you use? Walk to pre-school or take a bus rather than using the car. Get them to switch off lights and the TV when they are not being used. Show them how to sort materials into the different boxes. Pass on unwanted toys to friends of charity shops. Visit the library and choose some books that help them learn about the world around them.



On May 8th we will have a visit from Zoolab (see www.zoolabuk.com) who bring in a range of wild creatures which have previously included Snakes, Gerbils, Giant African Snails, Millipedes and Spiders. They explain where they come from, what they eat and how they live. Parents can bring in children not normally present.



Why don't you.. Enjoy the outdoors



Make the most of the summer weather to discover Croydon's wealth of green spaces from Selsdon Woods, Addington Park, Heathfield Gardens, Addington Hills, Lloyd Park, Waddon Park to South Norwood Country Park which are all accessible from local bus or tram routes. Go on a minibeast hunt, look out for birds and squirrels or take photos of different leaves and trees. When asked about their favourite activities children always talk about a trip to the park or playground and they love being let loose outdoors.

The Friends of Selsdon Woods run a programme of guided walks including regular Minibeast Hunts especially for younger children (see www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk).

Storybox Session - we will be hosting an afternoon craft session in which you will have a chance to join your child in decorating a shoe box and filling it with items to create a scene or story for your child to take home and play with. We provide the resources; you need to bring a shoe box and your imaginations. Keep a look out - Date to be arranged.



Woodlands Childrens Centre at Gilbert Scott Primary School is open to all families with children under 5, running a range of stay and play sessions and other activities including Chatterbox sessions. We display their current timetable in our foyer notices or go to <http://www.woodlandscscc.info/>

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