

English and Literacy

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Year 6 - Week 5



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Focus Theme: Climate Change This week focuses on what climate change is, what we can do to combat it and how Greta Thunberg has become so influential in addressing this issue. When following links online, parents should monitor that children are remaining on that page only and are keeping safe online.	Read <i>National Geographic Kids – What is climate change?</i> As you are reading, make notes for the information you find: https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/general-geography/what-is-climate-change/ <i>(Note: The explanation continues below the magazine advertisement).</i> Now watch CAFOD: <i>Climate Change Animation for Primary Schools</i> and make further notes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8unGCTWUWI Imagine you have been asked to create an information page	Explore how you can help combat climate change, using the two sources below. Make sure you jot down notes as you are reading. NASA Climate Kids website: <i>What can we do to help?</i> https://climatekids.nasa.gov/how-to-help/ <i>National Geographic Kids: 13 ways to save the Earth from climate change:</i> https://www.climaterealityproject.org/sites/default/files/APR%2018%20NGK-Climate%20Change%20tips_0.pdf After reading the two sources, choose your top ten ways to help combat climate change. Create a poster to explain the 'Top Ten	Read the following three poems: - <i>Ways to Change the World – Start Now</i> by Matt Goodfellow (page 9 of extract) - <i>Munch, Crunch, Packed Lunch ...</i> by Liz Brownlee (pages 12-13 of extract) - <i>Couch Superstar</i> by Matt Goodfellow (pages 14-15 of extract) All of the above are taken from the extract of <i>Be The Change</i> by Liz Brownlee, Roger Stevens, and Matt Goodfellow, available here: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/16436/Be-The-Change-by-Liz-Brownlee-Roger-Stevens-Matt-Goodfellow.html (You will need to register with LoveReading4Kids to view the extract. Membership is free).	Read and make notes about Greta Thunberg, a young environmental activist, taken from the book <i>Earth Heroes</i> by Lily Dyu here: https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/book/16709/Earth-Heroes-by-Lily-Dyu.html (You will need to register with LoveReading4Kids to view the extract. Membership is free). After reading about Greta's life, watch these two clips and make further notes about her life. (Note: Due to the sensitive nature of some the content, it is advised that these clips are watched and discussed with an adult). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uRgJ-22S-Rs	Imagine you have been invited by Greta Thunberg to join her at her next speech to World Leaders. Imagine she has asked you to prepare a short speech about climate change and what you think needs to be done to combat it. Watch these short clips of Greta in action for inspiration: https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49803015 https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/49793394 Write your speech outlining what climate change is, its effect on the world and your five key ways to help combat it.

	for a magazine based on climate change. Use your notes to create your page, making sure your explanation and facts are clear. You can also use pictures/images to support your explanation. Remember to proof-read your work as you write, checking for spelling and punctuation.	Ways' other children can help combat climate change. When designing your poster, consider these points. - Think about your layout – how will you make it stand out / eye-catching for your reader? - Think about your main title and subtitles – how could you make these encourage the reader to continue reading? - Think about your vocabulary – try to use precise vocabulary to make your explanations succinct.	After reading the three poems, select your favourite one. Write down which is your favourite giving reasons for your choice. Now watch the rap <i>Refuse, Reuse, Recycle on Earth's Ekko: Together We Can Make A World of Difference</i> from 11:00 – 12:22 mins here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DylkKHS0ZmE After watching the rap, create your own based on climate change. This may be completely written by yourself or you may choose to edit one of the poems you read earlier. If you do choose to edit one of the poems, you could edit it in these suggested ways: - adding an extra verse you have written	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzLuAHLR53A After reading and watching the clips about Greta Thunberg, create a short biography about her life. Remember to write your biography in chronological order (from Greta's birth up until most recent times), selecting the key dates and facts about her life. Make sure you proof-read your work as you write, checking for spelling and punctuation.	Think about using emotive, powerful language to persuade World Leaders that this is an urgent matter. If possible, once you have written your speech, record/film it to send to your teacher.
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			and/or a chorus which could go between each stanza - redrafting some of the lines using https://www.wordhippo.com/ to help with improving the vocabulary - removing some of the original lines / changing the order. Once you have written your rap, have a go at performing it to someone in your house. If possible, you could also record it to send to your teacher!		
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Additional activities:

If you enjoyed this week, why not try some of these additional activities?

- CBBC Newsround has some great clips to watch based around climate change – watch them here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/45880637>
- Enjoyed learning about Greta? Read some interesting facts about her life here: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/kids-club/cool-kids/general-kids-club/greta-thunberg-facts/>
- Learn more about climate change by visiting *Tiki the Penguin's Guide to Climate Change* here: https://tikithepenguin.org/global_warming/climate_home.html
- Find out about weather and climate with a video, images and short quiz here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z849q6f/articles/z7dkhbk>