

EARTH DAY – IDEAS BANK

A collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore environmental responsibility, sustainability and human impact on the planet. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About the Day

- Celebrated each year on 22 April
- First launched in 1970 as a global environmental movement
- Focuses on protecting the planet and promoting sustainable habits
- Encourages individuals, schools and communities to take practical environmental action

Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Launch a whole school recycling or waste reduction challenge
- Display environmental facts and statistics around the school
- Watch a short environmental documentary clip and discuss the message
- Create a whole school environmental pledge
- Organise a school litter pick or outdoor clean up
- Display student work focused on protecting the planet

Primary Ideas

- Plant seeds and track how they grow over time
- Create drawings or models of eco friendly cities
- Design posters encouraging recycling and caring for nature
- Discuss how animals depend on healthy environments
- Go on a short nature walk and identify plants, insects and wildlife

Secondary Ideas

- Debate whether individual actions can meaningfully impact climate change
- Conduct a biodiversity audit of the school grounds
- Investigate environmental issues such as plastic pollution or food waste
- Analyse environmental campaigns and evaluate their effectiveness
- Design a campaign encouraging sustainable habits in school

Cross Curricular Links

- Science, ecosystems, climate change and biodiversity
- Geography, sustainability and human impact on environments
- Maths, analysing environmental data and trends
- Art, environmental awareness posters or campaigns
- Citizenship, responsibility for protecting the planet