



# IT'S TIME TO PROTECT THE PLANET

You may only be small, but you are an incredible human too. That means that YOU have the power to protect the planet! It is not too late to heal the Earth and make it a wonderful place to live for people, plants, and animals.

I hope my book Protect the Planet! and this activity pack will plant seeds of ideas, which you can cultivate and develop into a plan of action for saving the Earth.

So what are you waiting for? Off you go, Earth warriors, and good luck!

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## Quick Facts!

### Reduce your carbon footprint

greenhouse gases that your lifestyle produces. Do you think your footprint is big or small? Look online for a quiz that will calculate its size. Most of your footprint will probably come from

> Turn off the tap while vou brush your teeth.

## Plant a Tree

If there are no trees in your local area, why not plant some? Pick a native species and do some research about what sort of conditions it likes before finding the perfect spot.

Buy from companies that make things in a way that is kind to people and the planet. Your money will help them to continue making their products responsibly.

### Reuse paper

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spread the word Take every opportunity to tell people about the issues facing our planet. Give an assembly

at school, put up posters in

your local area, and pester



## Heal the Earth

Inside Protect the Planet! you can discover ideas for how to live in a way that is less damaging to the world around us. This includes changes in our day to day lives, as well as looking at how we treat the world around us.

In the space on the right, draw what you think an environmentally friendly city or town may look like. If you are stuck for ideas, read the below points for inspiration.

### car-free cities

Many cities now have car-free centres where people can walk and cycle safely. This vastly improves the air quality and reduces the city's carbon footprint.

### Green energy

Our fossil fuels will soon run out. We need to find different ways to power our cities, such as using energy from the sun or wind.

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### Energy-efficient buildings

Clever planning and building can help us to create houses, shops, and offices that take very little energy to run.

### Avoiding waste

Using a library or buying secondhand items can help good quality items be used for years, and help to prevent unnecessary waste.



## write a planet-protecting pledge!

There are lots of things we can do to help the environment, animals, and other humans. This could be by reducing how much plastic and energy you use that helps cut down your carbon footprint, to simply being kind to others and looking after our parks and green spaces.

In the space on this page, write down some ideas you may have on what you can do and the changes you can make to help protect our planet!

If thinking about the challenges facing our planet gets overwhelming, slow down and try these activities to help you unwind.

### Get creative



### Be quiet

Reading a book under a tree is very relaxing. Take a moment to sit, surrounded by nature, and do nothing.



Disconnect Turn off your devices and connect with nature instead.

# I will help protect the planet by...



## Protect your patch

How well do you know the creatures living in your patch? You may not realise it, but there are lots of animals living right under your nose. Here are some ways you can get to know them better and keep them safe.

### Feed Leave or water fo whereve

### Feed the birds!

Leave out food and water for birds, wherever you live.

Explore local

Visit them at different

times of year and see

which new plants and

animals you can spot.

wild spaces

## join in with a wildlife survey

Scientists need to count animals such as butterflies and beetles. You can help! Find a survey online.

### Leave out a log pile

Create a messy pile of logs and fallen leaves to create a warm hibernation spot for hedgehogs, frogs, and insects.

### Keep to the path

Be careful not to trample on animals' homes when walking through grassy areas.





Keep your dog on a lead. It can scare **bitdS** that are nesting.

### stand up for your patch!

If your local wild patch is threatened, campaign to protect it.



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When you are next in your garden or on a walk see what wildlife you can spot. What will you do to keep them safe?



Throughout this pack you would have discovered lots of amazing facts and ways we can help the environment, animals, and each other. Using the previous pages or your copy of *Protect the Planet!* to help you, can you complete the sentences below?

### If you get stuck, use the words in the box at the bottom of the page.

- 1. If we stop treating it badly and give it time and space to recover, it is not too late to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Earth .
- **3.** Turning off the tap whilst you brush your teeth will help to save \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. If we don't take action, by \_\_\_\_\_\_ there will be 826 million tons of plastic in the world's oceans.
- 5. Once you are finished with a piece of paper you should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it, instead of throwing it away.

- 6. When fossil fuels run out, we will need to use different ways to power our cities, such as using \_\_\_\_\_\_ from the sun or wind.
- Keeping to the path in grassy areas, taking part in a wildlife survey, and feeding the birds are all great ways to \_\_\_\_\_\_ animals near you.
- 8. Reading a book like Protect the Planet! under a tree is a great way to relax and be surrounded by

My Score:









### once you've completed this pack. Show it to an adult.

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Have them sign and cut out this certificate to make you a Protect the Planet champion!



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### for learning how to Protect the Planet!

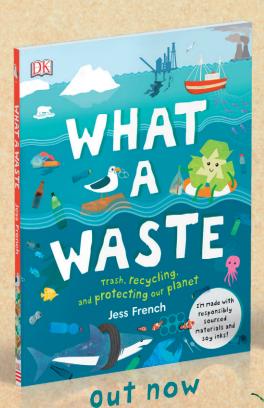


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