



Eco-Schools

Seeing the National Curriculum through a sustainability lens



The table below shows just a few examples of how areas of the National Curriculum that do not have explicit sustainability links can be delivered through activities on sustainability topics.

	Subject	Topic	Statutory requirement	Nine Topics	Activity
KS1	Maths	Geometry - properties of shapes	recognise & name common 2-D & 3-D shapes	Waste	Investigating commonly recyclable items
KS3	History	Challenges for Britain, Europe and the wider world 1901 to the present day		Energy	Fossil fuels
KS3	Geography	Human & physical geography	understand how human & physical processes interact to influence, & change landscapes, environments & the climate; & how human activity relies on effective functioning of natural systems	Litter	Great Pacific garbage patch
KS1	Science	Living things & their habitats	identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited & describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals & plants, & how they depend on each other	School grounds	Creating a wildlife garden
KS3	Design & technology	Design		Biodiversity	Making bird houses
		Make			
		Evaluate			
		Technical knowledge			
KS2	History	Mayan civilization c. AD 900		Water	The importance of water to civilizations
KS2	PE		develop flexibility, strength, technique, control & balance	Transport	Encourage more cycling
KS3	English	Reading	read critically through making critical comparisons across texts	Global Perspective	Find common themes in stories from different cultures
KS4	Citizenship	Human rights & international law		Healthy living	Diets around the world