



Find out about the exciting waste education programme for primary schools

These **popular and lively workshops** develop pupils' understanding of local and global environmental issues, equipping them with the skills they will need as responsible consumers in the future.

Using the themes of **waste, recycling and composting**, pupils explore a wide range of topical subjects including; plastics and marine litter, materials and food waste.

These workshops support enquiry based learning and many curriculum areas, including **literacy, maths, science, PSHE and geography**.

Pupils are encouraged to share their learning with families and friends, ensuring that the impact of the programme is spread beyond the school gates.



There are more than 15 workshops to choose from, covering all primary ages. See examples overleaf and follow the link below for the **FULL** listing. Assemblies and waste audits are also offered as part of the programme.

*"It was fantastic!
The children were
so enthused and
understood a lot. It
was enjoyable and full
of hidden educational
aspects, thank you!"
Teacher, Orchard Vale
Primary School*

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waste education workshops

Workshops include

Plastic pirates!

Suitable for reception and KS1

This story workshop is delivered outside in your school grounds. Using props and natural resources, children adventure with the 'captain' over the ocean discovering the impacts of plastics and marine litter on the way. Can they take action to save our seas?! Feeling inspired by the 'Blue Planet' series? We can extend your workshop by helping to organise a beach clean or litter pick of your local area. We also offer a KS2 workshop [Links to literacy](#).

Recycled materials challenge

Suitable for KS2

A fascinating workshop in which pupils consider the natural resources used to make everyday items and the new objects that these can be recycled into. We also offer a KS2 workshop [Links to science](#)

Compost & growing plants

Suitable for Yr 2 & 3

Available March – October. The class learn about how minibeasts help to recycle the nutrients in green waste, making compost to help more plants grow. After planting seeds in reused pots, children investigate fresh compost teeming with minibeasts. We also offer workshops about Minibeasts for Reception/KS1 and Habitats for KS2 [Links to science](#)

Batteries and circuits

Suitable for KS2

A chance to investigate how batteries work, including making an alternative circuit and creating electricity using the power of fruit and vegetables! The class consider the environmental impact of batteries and discuss how to reduce, reuse and recycle them. [Links to science](#)

How long is each session?

During a full day's visit we can deliver up to three workshops to fit in with your school timetable, working with one class or eco group at a time. We can also deliver a whole-school assembly if required.

How to book

The waste education programme is subsidised by Devon county council for Devon schools and a day of workshops will cost £65 +vat.*

*This rate does not apply to schools in Torbay or Plymouth or to Independent Schools.

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Other support available

Teaching resources

Visit the website to find a wealth of FREE teaching resources including lesson plans, videos and classroom activities.

School trips

Experience some of the sights, sounds and smells of waste management! We offer FREE full-day VIP tours of the recycling centre at Pinbrook in Exeter and Energy from Waste plant at Marsh Barton. Part-day trips are also available to the Energy from Waste plant in Plymouth. Grant funding may be available for transport costs. To find out more please contact Lucy.Mottram@devon.gov.uk

Teacher training

We run a free annual event usually in summer term. An opportunity to network and share good practice around sustainability and the 3Rs for all Devon teachers.

Devon schools sustainability bulletin

This half-termly bulletin keeps school staff up to date with funding opportunities, resources and training.

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