

Living in the Wider World | One World

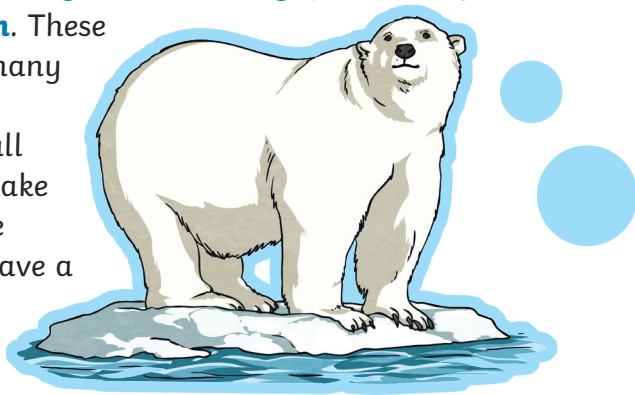
Key Knowledge

Being a Good Citizen

Being a good **citizen** means behaving in a way that is responsible and considerate to the area and the people in our community. We can do this by looking after the environment, following rules and laws, volunteering in the community, respecting the rights and property of others, helping people in need, being honest and trustworthy and showing compassion to other people and living things. By doing this, we can make sure people around us live happy, safe lives. We can behave like this towards our local area and our international community as well. To be responsible global **citizens**, we: are aware of world events; want to learn more; respect and celebrate differences; show empathy to different countries; believe we can make a difference and promote **sustainability**.

Environmental Issues

There are many environmental issues facing our beautiful world. These include: **global warming**, **pollution**, plastics and **deforestation**. These issues can have many damaging effects, but there are small steps we can all take to help, and these small steps can have a beneficial effect. These include using reusable or recyclable materials, walking or cycling when possible to avoid increasing **pollution**, learning about and promoting the use of **renewable energy** sources such as solar panels and wind power, planting and looking after our environment.



Key Vocabulary

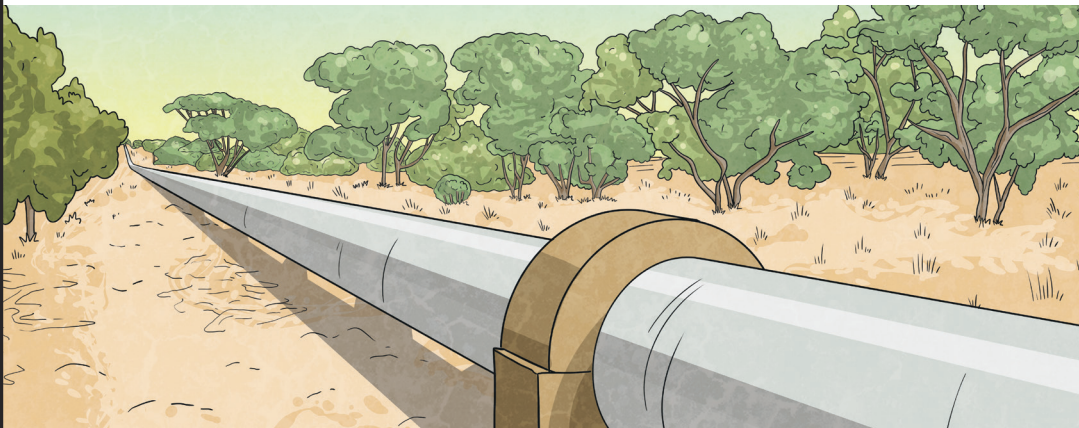
citizen:	A person who belongs to a particular place.
citizenship:	How we live in the area to which we belong.
global warming:	The gradual increase in the overall temperature of the Earth's atmosphere.
pollution:	Harmful gases or materials that may cause harm to nature, people and local wildlife.
deforestation:	The process of cutting down large areas of trees.
renewable energy:	Energy created from sources that can be used again such as wind, water and sun.
biodiversity:	The variety of different plants and animals in a habitat or ecosystem .
ecosystem:	A community of living things that interact with each other and the environment in which they live.
sustainability:	Using any resources in a way that protects their future use.
responsibility:	Tasks that we do to contribute or things we are in charge of.

Responsible Energy Use

There are many ways we can use energy responsibly to reduce the impact we have on **global warming** and climate change. By only using the energy we need, switching lights off when we leave a room, switching electrical appliances off when they are no longer being used and by learning about and promoting the use of **renewable energy** sources when we can, we can work together to help our wonderful world.

Using Water Wisely

Water is a precious resource and it is important that people are aware of how we can use it responsibly. This keeps it affordable and accessible, helps food production, and reduces the amount of resources needed to treat available water. We can use water responsibly by collecting unused water, using energy-efficient appliances, filling the kettle with the right amount of water, fixing dripping taps, turning off the tap while brushing our teeth, showering instead of bathing, using a watering can to water plants instead of a hosepipe and watering early in the morning or in the evening to reduce water loss through evaporation.



Biodiversity

The rich variety of living things on our planet rely on each other, and it is important we do all we can to protect this. Making sustainable choices and using our resources carefully, helps us to protect the **biodiversity** of our planet.



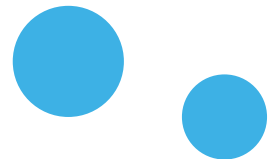
Sustainable Choices

Making sustainable choices means we can look after the wonderful world we live in by using resources responsibly and promoting the sustainable use of resources by others as well. Making sure everyone around the world has the opportunity to enjoy the planet sustainably is part of the human rights of us all.

Key Learning Point:

Responsible Citizens:

Living our lives in a way that looks after the wonderful world around us makes us responsible **citizens**. We all have a **responsibility** to make choices and use resources in a way that looks after the environment, natural resources, wildlife and people around the planet. By making these choices, we can use resources in a way that enables us to do what we need to do today and protects the resources for use in the future as well.



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