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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ecobricks Eco-friendly Initiative

During the first week back of next half term, we will be holding a theme week focusing on sustainability. As part of the movement to reduce plastic use across the globe, we would like the children in Court Lane to take part in the Ecobrick initiative.

Ecobricks is a global eco-friendly initiative that includes filling bottles to a set density with used, clean and dry plastic, which becomes a reusable building block. Plastics such as Styrofoam, bags, packaging, straws and cellophane are condensed into plastic bottles and used to make modular furniture, garden spaces, walls and even full-scale buildings. These Ecobricks are usually then dropped off to somewhere in the local community so they can be distributed to where needed. We would like to use them to build something for our school community e.g. fruit/vegetable planters.

As a clear link with sustainability, we would like to make the children aware of ways they can preserve their planet and Portsmouth by putting non-recyclable materials to good use and by being part of a global initiative.

As part of their home learning during the half term break, we are asking children in all year groups to create an Ecobrick of their own. **These need to be 2-litre clear bottles so we can see the colours of the condensed plastic. The children can choose to make their Ecobrick into a pattern using the different coloured materials. The Ecobricks will need to be weighed to ensure they are dense enough to form a part of a structure. The suggested weight for a 2 litre bottle is 670g. To condense the plastic the children will need to use a long stick to pack the materials into the bottle.**

Please hand in your child's Ecobrick by the 2nd November 2021 (first day after half term) so these can be used during the theme week and the children can start building.

We are really looking forward to seeing the children take ownership of helping their community and being part of an eco-friendly initiative.

During the course of the week, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate in a dance workshop about plastic pollution. Please send your child in with an empty small plastic bottle (e.g. a non-reusable water/fizzy drink bottle) with a lid as this will be used as part of their dance.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask me or your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Houghton
Year R Teacher