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Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you are aware the school has been talking to the children about recycling and caring for their environment.

Sycamore class has been making eco bricks and this has been a great success and has seen many family members getting involved.

We would like to try and expand on this idea with all the children in the school and encourage them to collect 2 litre plastic bottles and fill them over the Christmas period. There are instructions included on the other side of this letter to illustrate the best way of filling an Eco brick but we would also like empty 2 litre plastic bottles if you are unable to fill them.

If we can collect enough bottles we will then be able to make small seats and larger brick units that the children can use as part of their den building and for sitting on outside. Each unit will require approximately 14 bottles per small seat/brick so we are going to need a large number in order to have enough for the children to be able to play with and use as outdoor seating!!

The hope is that each unit will be covered with natural looking material that will survive in an outside environment. So we are also after any off cuts of fake grass, extra tough weed block off cuts or any other materials that you may think are suitable. If you have any further ideas please come and speak with either Kirstie McGough or Lorraine Drummond.

There will be a box to place your eco bricks and bottles in after the Christmas break but if you complete some in the meantime please can you pass to Miss Douglas of Sycamore class.

Many thanks

With best regards,

Kirstie McGough and Miss Douglas

How to make an Eco Brick...



Take a used or found plastic drinking bottle, water or soda, 1 or 2 litres



Use a stick or the back of a long wooden spoon to compress the plastic down



It's easier if you fold the plastic first and then twist and twist it in



Squash all soft plastics deep into the bottom of the bottle



Fold, twist, push, cut, squash, compress, push, ...



It's **IMPORTANT** to be compacted the whole way through otherwise you will run into trouble



WHAT GOES IN? ...all clean dry soft plastics (bread and veggie pkts), chip pkts, sweet wrappers, ear buds, chewing gum, tin foil, glad wrap ...any small unrecyclable bits and pieces



WHAT STAYS OUT? ...food, batteries, paper, whatever can be recycled



Final test stand on the bottle ...should be solid as a brick and not dent in ...if it does keep squashing more plastics in



Well done! Put the lid on and your eco brick is finished and ready for building