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Cut Your carbon

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Discovery School Eco-Council has been learning about carbon footprints and the impact they have on our wonderful planet.

Did you know that whenever we use energy or make and move things, greenhouse gases can be released?

Greenhouse gases form a blanket around the Earth, trapping heat. Burning coal, oil and gas releases additional greenhouse gases, causing our planet to warm more quickly. A rapidly warming world can mean more heatwaves, heavy rainfall, droughts and increased pressure on wildlife.

Our carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases released as a result of the things we do, such as travelling, using energy, the food we eat, the things we buy and the waste we produce. The larger our carbon footprint, the more greenhouse gases we release into the atmosphere. This makes the 'blanket' around our planet thicker, causing the Earth to warm and increasing the risk of extreme weather and putting further pressure on wildlife.

So, we have signed up for the **Eco-Schools Cut Your Carbon Challenge!**

During November, there are nine challenges for you and your family to complete. Please see the attached sheet or visit the Eco-Council webpage for details of each challenge.

Complete as many challenges as you can, then return your results to your class teacher or complete the Google Form, which will be sent out at the end of November. Please submit your results by **Wednesday 2nd December**.

Together, we can make a difference!

Yours sincerely,

Eco-Council

c/o Mrs K Chapman
(Qualified Teacher, Forest School Practitioner and Eco-coordinator)