

Earthkeepers

We are very proud of our eco commitment at school and the respect the children show for our planet. Children are invited to join the eco club (who also enhance the green areas around our school) and the Trash Mob (linked with Surfers against Sewage) who keep our school litter free and help us to reduce our plastic use.



As part of our curriculum all of our Year 5 children take part in the Earthkeepers project.

The aims of Earthkeepers are to help young people:

- Develop their understanding of the major ecological systems and communities of the planet.
- Develop a strong and lasting relationship with the natural world.
- Find ways of reducing their impact on the Earth.

Earthkeepers is a three day outdoor learning adventure for all of our Year 5 children.

They have three days of hands-on ecological activities and magical experiences at Tyntesfield. This begins a programme which is then continued back at school and home.

Each activity is carefully crafted adopting best educational practise, and the programme is structured so that each activity builds upon the last to form a synergistic whole.

Two weeks before the children arrive at the Earthkeepers Training Centre a mysterious map and letter is sent to school. They are from a character known as E.M. (pronounced em).

E.M. is already an Earthkeeper and is inviting the children to train to become an Earthkeeper too. E.M. is also the 'keeper of the keys' (the keys necessary for unlocking the secrets of becoming an Earthkeeper).

The Four Keys

1. Knowledge
Food Chains, Air, Water and Soil Cycles, Change and Interrelationships.
2. Experience
Solitude, Discovery and Observation.
3. Yourself
Environmental Impact.
4. Sharing
Sharing Knowledge and Experience with others.



Feedback from the children, staff and parents is exceptionally positive and this is an activity that children leaving in Year 6 note as a key experience from their time at High Down.