

# Whole School Project - Hope

Dear Parent/Carer,

'Hope' is a school project responding to the growing issue of climate anxiety in young people and encourages children to use hope as a fuel for action through focus on good news stories and by articulating the specific future that they want for their planet. We believe that having a vision for the future motivates us to act today.

Your child has heard environmental good news stories including the Save The Whale campaign, beaver reintroduction in Devon and the impact of wolf reintroduction at Yellowstone National Park. We have looked at the actions we are taking today which have a positive impact and encouraged the children that these are important and do make a difference. Each child was given a postcard to write/draw their personal vision of the future fifty years from now. They were asked to imagine what a more environmentally positive world might look like - how might we travel to school, could we have waste-free lunch boxes, what is the state of nature in fifty years, what does the school building look like etc? We buried these postcards as a time capsule on the school site and planted a tree - these are Our Hopes For The Future!

If you are interested to find out more about what we are doing in school to work towards net zero and other important environmental actions then do get in touch. We want to foster a collaborative, whole school community approach.

We hope our school project prompts some interesting conversations at home - do ask your child about this learning experience and encourage them to continue thinking and exploring their visions and hopes for the future.

