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# St Mary's

## Church of England Primary School

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### Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

Last week, we were thinking about our school vision statement, learning about how we can care for God's creation and make our world a better place. We were thinking about local, national and global issues/problems, how they affect us and what we can all do to help.

During the week we took part in many activities including:

- Litter picking to help to keep our lovely park clean
- Created charts and graphs to look at the litter issue
- We made bags for life to help reduce the use of plastic
- Created a class sculpture to represent the world's litter issue
- Sorted and grouped recyclable materials
- Created fun fish out of recycled materials
- Wrote acrostic poems about caring for God's creation

We learnt about the 3 R's: Reduce, re-use and recycle and we learnt a new phrase '**Courageous Advocacy**' which means: stand up and make a difference, be courageous and do something, actions speak louder than words; stand up for what you believe in.

We were surprised to find out how much waste there is and how long it takes rubbish to break down. For example: it can take 2 years for a banana skin to rot away. **We are writing to let you know that we are concerned about the rubbish problem and its effects.**

In Year 3 we are committed to saving our world by reducing the amount of waste.

We would like your help. Here are some easy ways you can help:

1. Keep our local area tidy by not dropping litter
2. Recycle things like plastic containers, paper and tins
3. Try to choose items with less or no packaging  
(eg. buy big packets of crisps instead of small ones)
4. Try to re-use items – try bamboo or metal straws instead of plastic ones, use a refill cup instead of a single-use cup.

We have been practising a song about God's creation and would like to share it with you at the school presentation evening next Tuesday. There will also be some of our work and photos from our focus week on display in our classroom. Come in and take a look!

From Year 3 😊