



# KESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to help combat waste we are doing a whole school Eco-brick project, in association with our partner school in Nepal.

## What is an Eco-brick?

These little plastic-packed bottles are super strong and can be used to build things like furniture, ponds or even houses! By storing this plastic and putting it to good use, you are preventing it being processed, entering the earth's biosphere (every part of earth where life exists) and causing pollution.

## How can you help support our project?

We would like as many children as possible to take part in our project. Please can you help your child to find

- An old 500ml plastic bottle with a screw cap (not sports cap)
- Lots of **clean** single-use plastic such as sweet wrappers, plastic packaging, straws and crisp packets
- A wooden spoon (or something long to poke into the bottle!)

The children will be building their eco-bricks after half term, but we need to collect our materials **before** then so we are ready. This could be sweet wrappers, clingfilm, crisp packets, plastic bags or anything else you can't recycle. Bring them into school where the children will then cut these up into small pieces so that they can be packed tightly into their bottle. They will use the wooden spoon to push them into the plastic bottle until the whole bottle is filled up to the brim!

## Top tips

- Wash and dry all your plastic before bringing it in to school- we don't want bits of mouldy food in their bricks!
- Take the label off the bottle and use that as part of the filling too.

If you want to find out more these websites have lots of useful information:

<https://www.asustainablelife.co.uk/11-top-tips-for-making-ecobricks/>

<https://www.ecobricks.org/what/>



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