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Education for Sustainable
Development and Citizenship

Sustainability Lesson Ideas

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1. Pause for a moment. Open all the windows and activate your students' senses. What can they see, smell, and hear? Make sure they're paying attention to the world around them.
2. Ask the class what can be done to make the school a better place. Now ask them to take a trip on a time machine and imagine the school in ten years' time; after all of the changes have been made.
3. 2-minute tweet: Take 2-minutes at the end of the lesson to reflect on how the day's topic could impact the planet. Get students to write a tweet about it.
4. Ask everyone in the class to make a planet pledge. Start by making yours first. Write them up and stick them on the wall to make sure everyone sticks to their pledge.
5. Eco-influencers: Get your students to find an online environmentalist. Get students to talk about the influencer's passions with the class.
6. Make a difference day: Work together as a class to make a difference. This could be a litter pick, an awareness raising campaign or simply helping other classes recycle more efficiently.
7. Do a plastic audit: Over the course of a week ask students to count how many pieces of plastic they use at home and at school. Repeat this once a month to see if results are improving.

