



DMAT Website Article from Mellis CE Primary Summer 2025

Mellis School's annual Curriculum Fortnight – 'Conserving the Planet'!

For many years, Mellis School has enriched the curriculum that the pupils enjoy via 'Curriculum Fortnight'! This is where the entire School takes a single theme and explores it using many different subjects and experiences.

This year, we decided to build on some brilliant work that our Eco Council has been working on. The Eco-Council decided to do some fundraising for three ecological charities, and it seemed like a fantastic idea to take this and apply it across the whole School. We decided that:

- *Lower School (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) would focus on the conservation of the rainforests*
- *Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) would focus on different eco-systems*
- *Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) would study the conservation of the oceans and sea*

There was everything from screen printing to photography to textile work to junk modelling to science research to biography writing – a small flavour of the breadth of learning that took place!



A key element of the children's provision were educational visits to further enrich their experience. Lower School visited Thrigby Hall Wildlife Park to see a wide range of rainforest wildlife, Year 3 and 4 saw animals from many different eco-systems at Jimmy's Farm (including their polar bears!) and Year 5 and 6 travelled up to Cromer to enhance their learning about the seas, including a plastic litter pick-up!



To cap it all, we had a visit by Adrian Ramsey (our local MP) to see the work that the children had been doing on conservation, and we also had our traditional evening presentation to parents to celebrate all that the children had done. A fine two weeks' worth of learning!



