



## **Becoming a Plastic Clever School**

Two years ago we started a campaign to become a Plastic Clever School. This is an award that recognises a school's commitment to reducing the use of single use plastic. <https://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/>

The children were involved in raising awareness of the environmental impact of single use plastic. A whale display was created using plastic bags; we went on a local campaign march and some children were interviewed on Radio Sheffield and others appeared in the local newspaper. There was a real buzz surrounding this campaign. On the Kids Against Plastic website, our school was even used as an example of a junior school campaign. See Case studies-Junior School Settings <https://www.kidsagainstplastic.co.uk/do/plasticcleverschools/>

This half term, we are going to continue this campaign and hopefully become a Plastic Clever School. Having raised awareness, we are now going to focus on taking action and gaining the award. This needs to involve EVERYONE-children, staff, parents and governors.

The BIG 4 single use plastic items that we will focus on in our campaign are bottles, straws, plastic bags and plastic cups.



Here is a brief overview of the focus for each year group;

Y3- Developing understanding and raising awareness

Y4- Auditing the use of single use plastic in our school and raising awareness of our school's issues

Y5- Using the Y4 audit to research and make suggestions to staff and governors

Y6- Looking at the wider impact of single use plastic in our community/world.

If you have any ideas and suggestions to help our campaign, please get in touch with the RRS Steering group via our school email.