

Year 4 - Conservation - Half Term 4



Why environments change

NATURAL CHANGES – different seasons can change habitats. Greenhouse gases cause climate change and climate change has caused our planet to get a lot warmer over a very short period of time. This has caused more extreme weather events like hurricanes, floods and droughts. It has also caused the extinction of many living things.

HUMAN CHANGES – How humans live and what they do can impact habitats both negatively and positively.

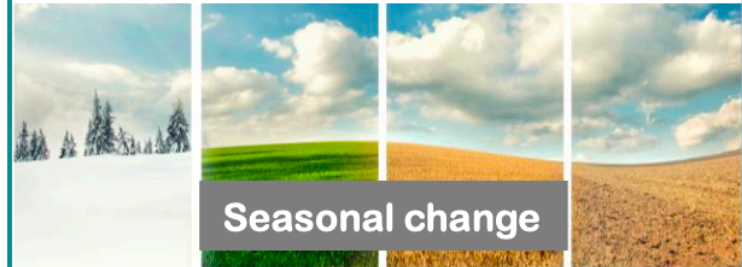
Negative ways:

- Deforestation - cutting down trees for a range of reasons
- Littering – dropping rubbish or leaving large objects lying in the environment
- Pollution – introducing harmful substances into the environment.
- Air pollution from cars, e.g., carbon monoxide, and the burning of fossil fuels.
- Water pollution through industrial waste and farm fertilisers that can pollute rivers and streams.
- Rubbish—Plastic and household waste ends up on the streets, in the sea or in rubbish dumps, destroying habitats and wildlife.

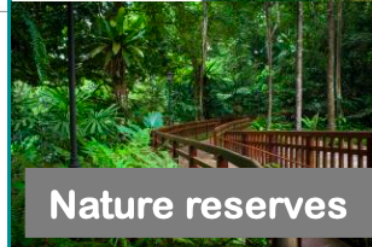
Positive ways:

- Protecting endangered species via conservation projects
- Cleaning bodies of water
- Recycling
- Creating nature reserves

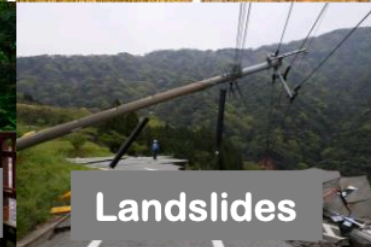
How environments change?



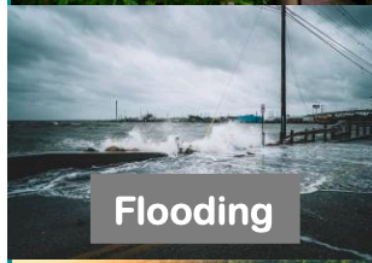
Seasonal change



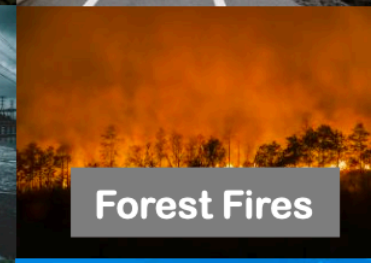
Nature reserves



Landslides



Flooding



Forest Fires



Water treatment Plant



Oil Spills

The water people use in their homes comes from nature and must be cleaned up to be returned to nature so it can be used again. This is an important part of our water cycle.

Key Vocabulary

migrate	to move from one area to another
monsoon	rainy season
deforestation	the cutting down of forests, including rainforests
biodiversity	the variety of living things
emissions	the production or discharge of something, especially gas or radiation
pollution	harmful or poisonous substances
pesticide	a chemical substance used to kill insects that harm plants and crops
contaminate	to make something impure by adding a poisonous or polluting substance
drought	a long period of time where there is a shortage of water
freshwater	water that does not contain salt
marine sanctuaries	ocean areas that protect the wildlife from harm
conservation areas	areas on land or sea that protect the wildlife from harm

To know statements



I know about ecosystems and how they are affected by changes in the seasons.

I know about the human impact on the environment through deforestation.

I know about air pollution.

I know about water pollution.

I know methods that can be used to conserve water.

I know that humans can have a positive impact on nature.

What can you remember from previous units?

What do you remember about rainforests?
What different habitats do you know and how are they different?

Anything else you have learnt? What have you enjoyed?

