



Our World

Week Beginning: Monday 30 November 2020



This Week in Our World...

This week the focus of **'Our World'** is 'Plant Britain' which aims to inspire the nation to help protect the planet and fight against climate change.

A campaign to plant trees across the UK has been launched by the BBC's Countryfile programme. It will be running for two years and the goal is to plant 750,000 trees - one for every child in the UK who's starting primary school this year.

Where is the UK in the world?

WORLD MAP



0 1,000 2,000 Miles
0 1,000 2,000 3,000 Kilometers



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What is it all about?

The 'Plant Britain' programme is starting with a focus on trees but over the next two years Countryfile will also focus on flowers, fruit and vegetables as well.

Prince Charles and special celebrity guests like Dame Judi Dench and JLS singer JB Gill will also be supporting the project.



When will it happen?

The first saplings, which is the name of a young tree, will be seen and planted in the "Plant Britain Wood" by Matt Baker in the launch episode on Countryfile at 6:15pm on Sunday 29 November on BBC One.

The woodland will be open for members of the public to visit and people will have the chance to apply for golden tickets to plant their own trees in Woodland Trust sites across the UK.



Why is it happening?

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced last week that he wants to plant 30,000 hectares of trees every year to protect and restore the natural environment, as part of his ten point plan for "a green industrial revolution."

This links directly with our climate change work with 'Switch Off Fortnight' and the focus of our Respecting Rights Committee – how we can help our environment.



Why is it happening?

The changing temperature of the earth is having an effect on the planet's environment. Many experts feel that trees are an important part of the battle against climate change.

Over the last century, the UK has lost 50% of its ancient woodland, according to the Woodland Trust.

Scientists say planting more trees will help us slow down climate change.



Article of the Week

Article 32

Article 32 – The right to protection from harmful work

Governments must protect children from work that is dangerous or might harm their health, development or education. Governments must set a minimum age for children to work and ensure that work conditions are safe and appropriate.

Activity

Discuss reasons why children might be involved in harmful work. How does this affect their rights?



hectares

Hectares (plural noun)

A metric unit of square measure, equal to 10,000 square metres (2.471 acres).





Watch...



Clip 1 (Newsround – bottom of the page)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/55088146>