

Stockport CAN Seed Fund Application

Application number a01019c3

Group name	Mersey Vale Primary School
Group description	At Mersey Vale Primary we have a very active Eco Committee, comprised of children representing each of our classes throughout the school. The group encourage the whole school community to work on eco activities throughout the year, linked to areas identified on an 'eco audit' that we could all improve upon. These currently include saving energy, learning about plants and trees, managing waste and recycling.
Funding requested	£1,000
Amount requested per ward	£1,000 from Heaton South
Proposal details	<p>As part of our current eco target around plants and trees we would love to support learners throughout our school community in growing more plants, particularly fruits and vegetables. We would like to purchase a polytunnel, to be sited on our school field, as this would enable us to grow much more than we can currently manage without one. This would hopefully result in all children throughout the school experiencing the joy of growing (and eating!) their own plants.</p> <p>Cheaper polytunnels are available, but a quick look at more robust models online suggests they retail for amounts between £700 and £800. We would also like to apply for a further £200 to be used to get us started with the tools, seedlings, seeds, compost, etc. that we will need to get this project up and running.</p>
How will proposal tackle climate change and / or increase biodiversity	Our proposed project will hopefully help improve local biodiversity. Some plants will initially be grown in the polytunnel but, once ready, they will then be planted in our school grounds. By choosing to grow plants which attract pollinators, we hope to increase the number of pollinating insects visiting our grounds. Teaching children about ways that they can grow their own food is also encouraging them to, in future, adapt to climate change, as well as undoubtedly being good for wellbeing.
How many people will benefit from proposal	1,000
Who will benefit from proposal	Children from all classes in our school and nursery (270 in total) will hopefully have enjoyable, enriching experiences. We hope that it will teach them about how easy and satisfying it is to grow plants. Their knowledge of plants and their ability to join in with gardening activities will increase, and this will hopefully be something that trickles into our community through the conversations they have with their families, as well as hopefully becoming gardeners themselves when they are older.