



PRIMARY EDUCATION PACK

CLIMATE, FAIRTRADE AND YOU

This education pack for primary schools has been produced for teachers and educators to discuss how the climate crisis affects farmers and workers overseas. Through the materials in this pack, young people will have the opportunity to discover how their choices can impact people around the world, but also the planet that we live on.

These resources support global learning in the context of the national curricula for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. There are a range of classroom and home learning opportunities for students aged 7-11.

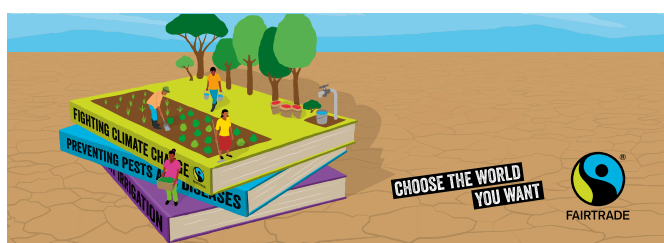
In this pack, you will find...

- ✓ Assembly plans
- ✓ Lesson plans
- ✓ Fairtrade and Climate quiz
- ✓ Home learning grid
- ✓ Meet the farmers



ASSEMBLY PLANS

Download an assembly to share the topic of 'Climate, Fairtrade and You' with your school. These short assemblies have been designed with social distancing in mind, and can be used for virtual or in-person events, or as a short activity to start a lesson.



CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT

Our choices are powerful. Every day we make many choices that touch the lives of other people all over the world. They can help us shape the world we want. Use this assembly to introduce the theme of choices, and the other activities going on in your schools around Fairtrade. The accompanying PowerPoint presentation can be shared on virtual platforms.

[Download assembly](#)



HOTEL NECESSITA ROLE PLAY

Welcome to Hotel Necessita, where there are rooms to suit every budget. But if your budget is small, you have to choose between what you need the most, just like many people around the world have to do in real life. This fun role play introduces the idea of tough choices, like those made by farmers living on low incomes every day.

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TOP TIPS FOR HOLDING AN ASSEMBLY WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- ✓ Record a short role play using one of our [assembly scripts](#) and share it digitally for others to watch in other classrooms, at home or even in other schools!
- ✓ Host a virtual whole-school competition with a [Fairtrade quiz](#)
- ✓ Browse our [short films](#) for schools and hold a virtual screening



LESSON PLANS

These six lesson plans will develop your students' understanding of the interconnectedness of humans and the environment.



COCOA CLIMATE

This lesson introduces the topic of the climate. Children will have the opportunity to compare the climate in the UK with the climate in the cocoa-growing region of West Africa. An extension activity is available that examines how climate change impacts on these two different regions.

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MAPPING THE JOURNEY OF CHOCOLATE

Where did your chocolate come from? And how did it get to you? This lesson will encourage young people to reflect on the journey of a chocolate bar and consider all of the people and places involved in its production. Do our choices as a consumer affect this journey? This lesson will help you to find out!

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CHOICES AND CONSEQUENCES

This lesson will help students understand how their actions have global consequences. Young people will learn that they have the power to make a difference in the world through the small choices that they make every day.

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LESSON PLANS



BASIC NEEDS LESSON 1: WANTS AND NEEDS

This is the first lesson in the Basic Needs lesson series. The lesson focuses on the difference between wants and needs, helping students to identify what all humans need to live a decent life. Students will have the opportunity to learn from Thérèse, a cocoa farmer from Côte d'Ivoire.

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BASIC NEEDS LESSON 2: BASIC NEEDS AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

This is the second lesson in the Basic Needs lesson series. How does the climate crisis impact on the basic needs of farmers overseas? Learn why decent incomes for cocoa farmers are essential for them to cope with the challenges that the climate crisis brings.

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FOREST-FRIENDLY FARMING

When farmers receive fairer prices for their cocoa, they are able to use some of their money to protect the environment around them. This lesson on forest-friendly farming teaches students about a special farming technique used by the Ngoleagorbu cocoa farmers of the great Gola Rainforest in Sierra Leone. The lesson includes a 12-minute film called *Guardians of the Rainforest* and a follow-up worksheet.

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MORE ACTIVITIES

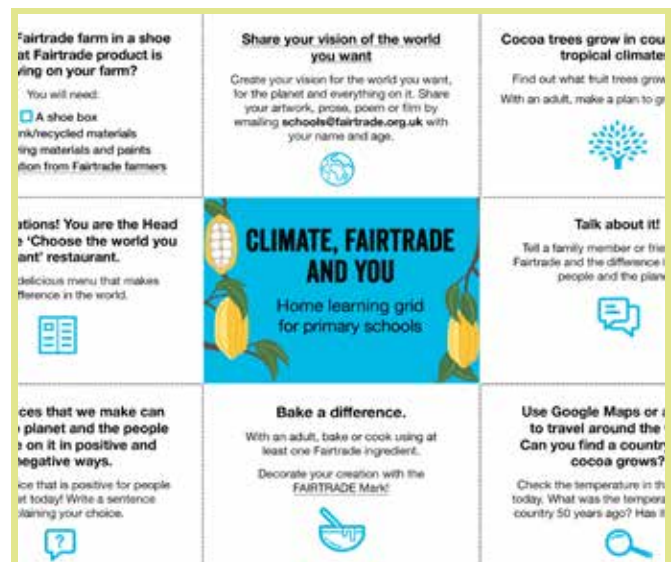
Unable to teach a full lesson on Fairtrade today? We've got you covered for home learning and short activities for the classroom!



FAIRTRADE AND CLIMATE QUIZ

This quick-fire quiz is a fun way to get your students thinking about cocoa, the climate and Fairtrade. Use it as a stand-alone activity, as a starter for a lesson on Fairtrade or as a competitive virtual assembly! Which class can score the most points?!

[Download quiz](#)



HOME LEARNING GRID

This home learning grid provides eight interdisciplinary learning activities that can be completed at home or in the classroom. Choose from designing delicious menus, planting fruit trees, exploring world maps and more! These activities are a great way to consolidate learning about 'Climate, Fairtrade and You'. The one-page PDF grid can be uploaded to Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams for children to access at home.

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SHARE YOUR LEARNING WITH US ON TWITTER BY TAGGING

@FairtradeUKEd

#ChooseTheWorldYouWant



MEET THE FARMERS

These are the stories of Fairtrade farmers and workers who are facing the challenges of the climate crisis. These case studies can be shared either during an assembly or a story time, or as a stimulus for a lesson.



NORANDINO COFFEE CO-OP, PERU

One of the things that most troubles the coffee farmers of Norandino is the rain. The rain that once fell across many months of the year is now concentrated into a much shorter period of two or three months. For farmers, this is a big problem. Droughts and floods damage their crop. Having less coffee to sell means less money to live on, and tough choices have to be made.

Having the knowledge to be able to use the best possible farming practices is so important for the farmers who make their living from the land.

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CLIMATE ACADEMY, KENYA AND ETHIOPIA

In the coffee-growing regions of East Africa, the weather has changed dramatically in recent years. The seasons have become unpredictable, and making a living from agriculture is tough when droughts, floods and extreme heat come and destroy your crops. The farmers are just about surviving, but there is no money left over to invest in anything that would help protect from these shocks. The Climate Academy was created to bring farmers together to share ways of adapting, to find new opportunities to earn money, and make their farms more able to withstand extreme events.

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COAGRICSAL, HONDURAS

In the heart of Copán, Honduras, the new Xol chocolate factory has just come into operation, run by around 20 young women. Until recently, the land where the cocoa is grown was covered in coffee bushes. But recent years have been hard, and the farmers have struggled to make a living. The long dry spells, and rapidly spreading plant diseases, destroyed coffee crops. The COAGRICSAL co-op made the decision to plant cocoa, which is better suited to the climate they are now seeing in the area.

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LAS MERCEDES, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Cyclones and storms have always been a feature of the climate in the Caribbean, but the frequency and strength of those battering the islands in recent years has increased. For the farmers who rely on their crops for their income, the loss of their crops can be devastating. To recover and replant their farms, they often have to take loans and can end up with large debts. So, the banana farmers of Las Mercedes have used their Fairtrade Premium to develop a disaster recovery fund, to help out members should the worst happen.

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NGOLEAGORBU COCOA FARMERS UNION, SIERRA LEONE

In the Gola Rainforest of Sierra Leone, a group of cocoa farmers work hard to protect their way of life, their beautiful forest and their livelihoods. Through having a better and more secure income, they can farm in a forest-friendly way and protect their beautiful home from the threats of deforestation and biodiversity loss.

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Learning about Fairtrade will take you one step further to a Fairtrade School Award!

