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Welcome!



The project

Drive it down! Measuring and mitigating school-gate transport emissions.

“Drive it down! Measuring and mitigating school-gate transport emissions” is a project aimed at ākonga, kaiako, and the wider public to highlight that every individual’s behaviour measurably impacts CO₂ emissions. This box contains teaching resources to support carbon cycle learning for children in primary school (years 5-6), which can be adapted to suit your local curriculum and curriculum levels, and ākonga's learning needs.

Goals

- Provide educational resources for kaiako to teach the carbon cycle, aimed at school years 5-6 (but adaptable to other curriculum levels).
- Increase scientific literacy levels on the carbon cycle to support the development of initiatives for fossil fuel emissions’ reduction.

Content

- Booklet
- Teacher's guidelines for each activity
- Discussion cards (card game)
- Memory cards (card game)
- Quiz (Kahoot!)
- Auckland GHG Invaders (online desktop game)
- Additional resources sheet
- Whiteboard pens

How to use the material

- We suggest that teachers use the **booklet** and the **additional resources** to provide children with a background in the topic.
- The **discussion cards** and **memory cards** can be used either before or after children have a background in the topic. If used before, it is a way to introduce vocabulary and raise discussion about the topics and gather some formative assessment data before explicit learning. If used after, discussions can be connected to the lessons learned through the **booklet**. You will hopefully find enriched discussions following on from content present through the **booklet**.
- The **quiz** can be used to assess children's understanding about the topic. We do not recommend the **quiz** to be used as a 'pre-test'.
- The **Auckland GHG Invaders** online game can be used to stimulate children on how to drive emissions down. Can be played before or after children have a background in the topic.
- Use **all the materials combined** to help children develop the initiatives to drive emissions down!

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