



Parent sheet 1

At npower, we feel it's important to bring the learning of energy to life and that's why we have created npower Climate Cops Green Fingers – a teaching resource for 4 - 7 year-olds that uses gardening to help younger minds understand the power of the Earth's natural energy. To help support your child's learning, why not try this activity at home? Together you will be able to see nature's energy in action and learn about natural and renewable energy whilst having fun.

npower Climate Cops Green Fingers mini greenhouse

Greenhouses are great for growing plants; they help to create a warm environment for plants and offer protection from predators such as mice and rats. Although you need to have a lot of space to have a full sized greenhouse, why not create a smaller one that can take pride of place on your windowsill?

You will need: A large empty pop bottle, paint, scissors and a seedling / plant in a pot (small enough to fit under the pop bottle).

Instructions:

- 1 Before you start, make sure your bottle is thoroughly washed and dry
- 2 First, cut the bottom off the bottle. Don't cut off too much because your plant will need plenty of room to grow
- 3 Place your bottle over the top of your plant pot just to check it fits before you start to decorate
- 4 Now it's time to get creative! Paint your greenhouse in whatever style you like but remember not to cover it completely so light is still able to get in
- 5 Once the paint is dry your greenhouse is ready to use. Happy gardening!

For further inspiration, check out former Blue Peter presenter, Zoë Salmon's video guide to creating your own mini greenhouse at www.npower.com/greenfingers

