## Looking After the Earth

This week, we are focusing on persuasive writing. Persuasive writing is a form of nonfiction writing that encourages careful word choice, logical and systematic arguments and a good summary/conclusion. Use this link to find out more about persuasive writing - <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD9arWXIddM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hD9arWXIddM</a>.

Remember persuasive writing often include these techniques:

- Statistics e.g. 50% of tigers do not breed in captivity.
- Modal verbs e.g. should, would, could...
- Groups of 3 e.g. Poaching is illegal, immoral and selfish.
- Rhetorical Questions e.g. How would you feel?
- Feelings and emotive language e.g. The animals deserve the same treatment we receive!

<u>Task</u>: Look at both of the texts below (Text 1 & 2). Before you answer comprehension questions based around these two texts, spend a bit of time analysing the similarities and differences between both texts. **Bonus**: try and find any of the above persuasive techniques in each text.

## **Comprehension Questions:**

- 1. The picture poster is about the 'Environmental Technology Park'. Can you **name four features** of the park?
- 2. In the written poster, what does it mean when it says 'big pools of water'?
- 3. Explain what you think the word **marvel** means and why do you think the author has repeated it?
- 4. Describe how people would behave differently 'if the earth were only a few feet in diameter; floating a few feet above a field somewhere'?
- 5. Explain how the written poster persuades you to think about **conservation**.
- 6. Find a **similarity and difference** between the map and the poster.
- 7. Using the written poster, **find four verbs** that are used *and* explain the effect of this vocabulary.
- 8. Can you find a **modal verb** in the poster? Why do you think the author has chosen to use this type of vocabulary?

9. 'People would declare it as sacred because it was the only one.'

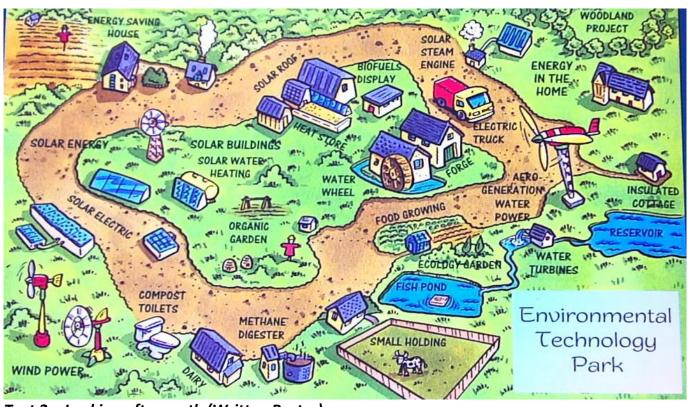
Use the sentence above to answer the following questions:

- a) Write another word for 'sacred'.
- b) Identify the verb in the sentence.
- c) What does the author mean by 'it was the only one'?
- 10. Pretend you have arrived at the Environmental Technology Park. Describe your **thoughts and feelings** about the park: what do you like and dislike about it? (Write your answer in first person.)

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Text 1 – Environmental Technology Park (Picture Poster)



Text 2 – Looking after earth (Written Poster)

If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it. People would walk around it, marvelling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools. People would marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it as sacred because it was the only one, and they would protect it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the greatest wonder known, and the people would come to pray to it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be. People would love it, and defend it with their lives because they would somehow know, that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it. If the Earth were only a few feet in diameter.