



SEPTEMBER

## Rebooting the future

Sometimes it can be scary or intimidating thinking about what the future will be like. At other times it can be exciting to imagine, giving us a sense of purpose and hope.

We all have the power to create a future which is better for ourselves, each other, and the planet. By using our creativity and imagination to think about what the best possible future looks like, we can take the first steps to making that future come true.

### Conversation starter

#### **Do you think the future will be better or worse than today?**

When you answered were you thinking about your own future, the future of the place you live in, or the future of everyone on the planet?

What about the future for other animals and living beings?

### Class activity

#### **Letters from the future**

This writing activity requires students to imagine that they are living on the Earth in the year **2121** – 100 years from now.

Ask your class to close their eyes and imagine they are in 2121. The planet is healthy and all life forms – people, animal and plants – are thriving. Now explain that they are going to write a letter from this future.

In the letter, they should describe some of the improvements that have happened in the world over the last 100 years. They should also thank the people living in 2021 for the actions they started taking to make the world a better place. (E.g. *'In 2121 the sea is full of healthy fish and sea creatures. We're really grateful that you started using less single-use plastic in 2021.'*)

Prompt: what actions could people living in 2021 take to make a healthier and happier world for people in the future? What impact would those actions have?

## THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGES

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Complete one or more of the challenges below as a whole class, or choose 2 or 3 pupils to complete one each month over the course of the year.

#### Creative challenge



##### Rebooting the future through art

Using any creative media of your choice, create a vision of a future that you would like to see.

Where do you fit into this vision? How can your actions today help to make this future a reality?

Take a picture of your artwork and write a short description to share online.

#### Research challenge



##### Rebooting the future through innovation

Find 1-3 examples of innovations that have taken place in the last 5 years which are already making a positive difference to our planet.

Now find 1-3 more examples of inventions, technologies or ideas that are going to improve the future in the next 5 years.

Present your research in a report, infographic or poster.

#### Action challenge



##### Rebooting the future through democracy

[Write to your MP](#) explaining your hopes and fears for the future.

Ask them to vote for policies that promote a healthier, greener, more compassionate future for our country and for the planet.