

St Paul's C of E Primary School – Knowledge Organiser			
Name of Topic	Sustainability	Year Group	3

Key Vocabulary and Spellings				
1	sustainable	The idea that humans must work with the environment in a way that makes sure there will be enough resources left for others.		
2	unsustainable	No way to keep doing it at the same rate or in the same way.		
3	reusable	Using items more than once.		
4	solar	Energy from sunlight.		
5	turbine	A machine that transforms energy.		
6	rechargeable	To charge again.		
7	conservation	Protecting our environment and the wildlife that lives in it.		
8	recycle	Putting it through a process so the material can be used again instead of being wasted.		
9	biodiversity	The rich variety of life on Earth.		
10	global warming	The increase in Earth's average temperature over a long period of time.		

	Top 5 Topic Facts		
1	About eight million tonnes of plastic are dumped in the ocean each year – that's as heavy as 632,411 London buses!		
2	The global temperature has increased by about 1°C in the last 100 years. For many scientists, this is proof that global warming is taking place.		
3	Scientists believe that up to 50% of the world's species will be extinct by the end of this century. Many believe that human activity is the main cause.		
4	In the UK we recycle only 17% of our waste. That means in the UK, 83% of our waste is not recycled.		
5	You can help to be more sustainable by recycling, walking to school, using reusable items.		



	Key Investigations/Questions				
1	What does being sustainable actually mean?				
2	How can we help to make our school more sustainable?				
3	Why are we seeing more wind and solar farms in the countryside?				