



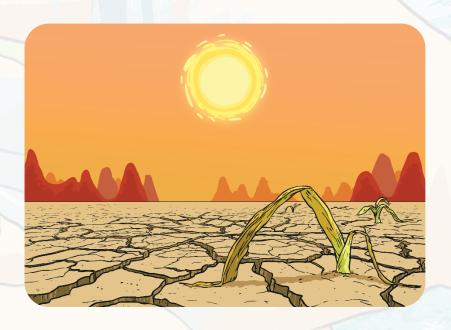
- World Water Day takes place annually on 22nd March.
- It aims to celebrate water and raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to save water. It also aims to help tackle the global water crisis.
- Each year has a different theme. This year, the theme is

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World Water Day 2020 is about how water and climate change are linked. Climate change has an effect on flooding, droughts, water pollution and how accessible water is to people.

By working to battle climate change, World Water Day hopes to protect people's health and save lives as well as help save the planet.



This year's theme has key messages. Read the following pages to find out more about each one.

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This message means that we have to act against climate change now.

By improving water systems, we can help address water pollution and reduce the risk of water-related disasters, such as flooding.

By funding water projects, more people can have access to clean, sustainable water and can help reduce poverty.



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By protecting and expanding environments such as mangroves and peatlands, we can increase the amount of land that can store carbon and therefore have a major impact on climate change.

Mangroves and wetlands are also great barriers for flooding, extreme weather and erosion.

As well as these environments, by recycling and reusing wastewater for purposes such as irrigation, the amount of water consumption around the world can be greatly reduced.



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There are lots of things linked to water we can do to help tackle climate change!

Take shorter showers – this will help reduce water consumption Eat more plant-based meals – this can help reduce greenhouse gases.

Don't throw away edible food – this reduces the demand on agriculture. Turn off electric devices – this will reduce the amount of energy that needs to be produced.



