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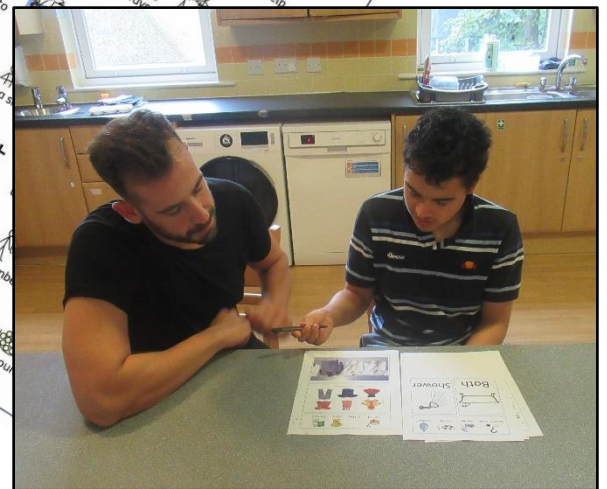
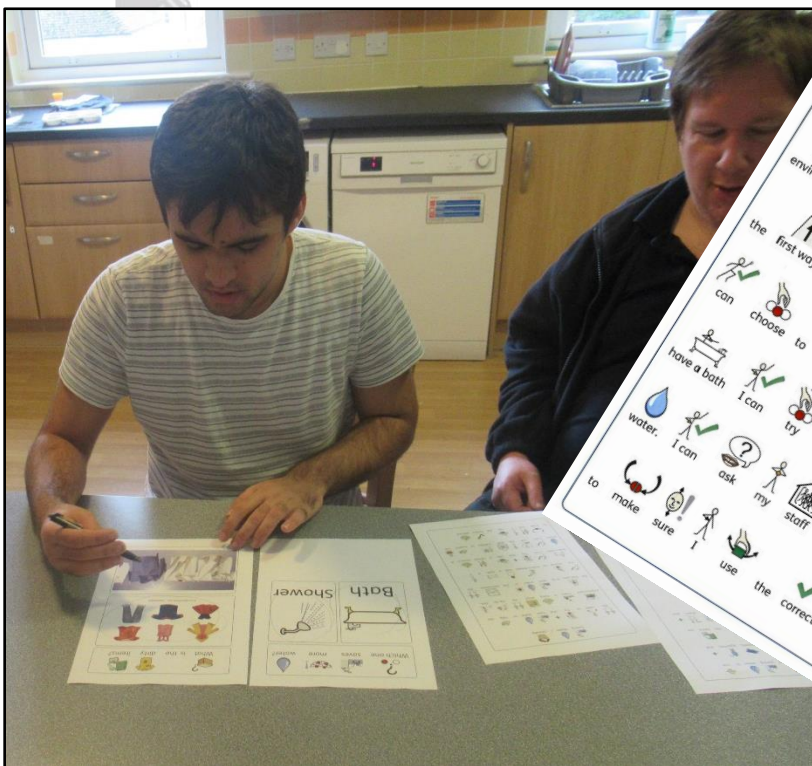
Promoting happy, healthy and sustainable living at Hill House and beyond.

LET'S TALK WATER

After last week's heatwave, it's time to talk about water! Tap water is precious so we must all learn to be more "savvy" about our water use for the sake of the environment and our water bills. Summers are predicted to be drier and winter's wetter, with more intense heavy rainfall so now, more than ever, we need to do everything we can to help our planet! Every litre of water saved is a litre left in the environment and the less water we use, the more we can keep our rivers and streams flowing and nature thriving.



During our Green Dragons' Den back in November 2021, Team Pines had an important message to share about the use of water.



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5 LITRES CHALLENGE!

Did you know that a person uses an average of 150 litres of water a day? If everyone made one small change in their water use, just think of the difference it could make. Bournemouth Water have set a challenge: Do you think you could save 5 litres of tap water a day? Here's how you can make a start:

- ♥ A running tap uses 6 litres a minute. Turn it off while brushing your teeth.
- ♥ Keep a jug of water in the fridge so you don't have to run your tap cold.
- ♥ Use a bowl for washing up or rinsing fruit and veg - then use this water for plants.
- ♥ Have a shower instead of a bath.
- ♥ Only use the dishwasher or washing machine when you have a full load (this will save energy).
- ♥ Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need (this will save energy too).
- ♥ Fix leaking taps and toilets.
- ♥ Use a water butt to collect rainwater - it could fill up for free 300 times a year.
- ♥ Use a watering can to direct water where your plants really need it (at their roots)
- ♥ Water plants early in the morning, or in the evening, when it will take longer for it to evaporate.
- ♥ Mulch around plants using organic matter such as wood chip or compost. Use stones, gravel or sea shells as a mulch to dress plants in pots. Mulching is marvellous: it deters weeds, improves soil texture and helps soil retain water.

