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We Are Water Protectors

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ICEKit Summary

This ICEKit accompanies the picturebook, *We Are Water Protectors* and enables children to explore Focal Field 2: Socially responsible behaviour – interaction with local and global issues.

The activities start by arousing children's curiosity in the story context using water bottles and visuals, leading to a series of peritextual ponderings about the picturebook title and/or the illustrations on the front cover as well as contextual clues about the setting, the characters and their possible connections to the title. These visual triggers help children to predict the story plot (an Indigenous girl stands up to fight against the

companies that pose a threat to the local water resource for her community) and gives them a real reason to listen during the read-aloud. After reading aloud, the activities enable children to make a personalised response to the story (Earth ratings), interpret the visual symbols (such as the snake) and creatively explore differences in their own school contexts (writing their own pledges to protect water and become Earth stewards). The ICEKit culminates with the *eTwinning* Taking Action cycle where children co-create flyers to distribute in the community, with the aim of bringing people together to take action and help save water.