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Do you think learners should be taught about climate change at school and how will knowledge about climate, change the way we function in our everyday lives?

In today's world, we are facing a death blow which does not only have a disadvantage in our lives but it damages our precious planet Earth, and that is Climate Change.

Climate change describes a change in average condition such as temperature and rainfall and that leads to the change in weather patterns wherein the atmosphere experiences an extreme hot or cold temperature due to a high accumulation of Greenhouse gases, mainly, Carbon Dioxide. Already climate change has led to our planet experiencing a severe weather pattern, that's the reason why Climate Change should be taught at school from Foundation Phase To Intermediate phase and tertiary levels too because learners also tend to think out of box, one learner might come up with scientific ideas that might change the world, like Mr Mandela once said " by having a positive mindset, you can change the world" and that is accurate because there are students all around the world who can come up with ideas of how to utilise our resources wisely so that the future generation can also have resources that they can use.

By teaching learners about climate change at school, it expands their knowledge about the current environmental affairs which only 4 out 10 learners are concerned about it. So that would let learners to also come up with their own solutions on how to avert climate change. Although climate change is currently taught in schools, some of the students haven't had the full information about Climate change and how to prevent it rate from rising, that's the reason it should be taught more in schools, so that learners can enhance their knowledge of climate and also let their friends and family know so that the word can be spread and the rate can be slowed down because when the solutions are being spread, they can eventually reach the whole World even to those who are less privilege they can get the awareness of climate change and then people will eventually take part in utilising their resources wisely, like coal which releases a high amount of carbon dioxide, some can also find an alternative way to use their resources like Reduce-Reuse-Recycle which is one of the best ways to limit one's Carbon footprint. All of these can be done only by teaching learners from lower grade, to tertiary level, about Climate Change because Our planet is currently in a state where they are no enough resources it could grant us because of climate change which we've caused all by ourselves. Like South Africa, it is currently facing water scarce because many rivers are dry due to an extreme hot temperature and also there's no enough rainfall which takes place and that's one of the disadvantages of climate change if all the citizens of South Africa had knowledge about climate change, water wouldn't be scarce by now because they'd have known how to save water and also how to utilise the resource they had. But it's not too late to overcome this death blow, by teaching learners in schools, our planet can be changed into a new one that it was before it experienced Climate Change.



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