



**Daily activities**

This week we are focusing on clean beaches and plastic bag free day. Have a read of some of these interesting facts. Can you create your own poster to encourage people to recycle and to clean up their local beaches?

To make your poster stand out have a look at this website

<https://www.kidsagainstoplastic.co.uk/learn/> particularly this video <https://www.kidsagainstoplastic.co.uk/how-much-plastic-is-in-our-oceans/>

Include lots of facts and numbers. How much plastic is produced in the world? What percentage ends up in our oceans?

# Plastic Pollution in the Ocean Know the Facts!

Scientists estimate that 9 out of 10 seabirds have plastic in their stomachs.

Around the world, 13 million tonnes of plastic enters the ocean each year. That's the same as a dumper truck of rubbish every minute of every day!

Scientists estimate it will take 400 years for a plastic can holder to break up into tiny pieces in the ocean.

In the UK we use 38.5 million single-use plastic bottles each day. About 15 million of these are littered, go into landfill or are incinerated (burned).

A plastic bag will take up to 20 years to break up in the ocean.

Animals eat plastic bags thinking they are food.

Every day, 700,000 plastic drinks containers are littered in the UK.

The TOP 10 items washed up on British beaches are:

1. Plastic rope and fishing nets
2. Tiny pieces of plastic or foam
3. Plastic food wrappers
4. Plastic bags
5. Plastic bottles
6. Fishing lures and lines
7. Caps from bottles and other containers
8. Pieces of fabric
9. Other plastic containers
10. Straws

Items that are flushed down the toilet can end up in the ocean. Remember the three Ps! Only Pee, Poo and Paper should ever be flushed down the toilet.

Can you tell which is a plastic bag and which are jellyfish? A turtle can't!

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Perhaps you could have a beach clean up or think about ways you could recycle some of your plastic that is used in your home. Perhaps you could use or make a bag that you can re-use every time you go shopping.