



Hi everyone and Happy World Oceans Day!

I hope you are all keeping well and have been relaxing during half term? The weather is much cooler and I am pleased because it means I don't have to water the garden, hopefully the sunshine will soon return.

I wrote in my last blog telling you the home school learning will be all about how we can help to protect our Oceans. Did you know? The ocean is the largest part of our planet and is an important part of our everyday lives. On World Oceans Day, people around the World celebrate and honour the ocean, which connects us all.

People celebrate World Oceans Day for many reasons: The Ocean generates a lot of the oxygen we breathe, it provides food around the world, it regulates the climate, it gives work opportunities to thousands of people and it is home to trillions of fish and sea creatures. Sadly there are many issues damaging our planet and our oceans and you may remember some of these from the **Hello Mr World** story we read in class – pollution, global warming, rubbish, plastics and so on. Parents you might think I've gone a bit bonkers with the home learning plans but I know the children are passionate about our environment and there are lots of links to websites to spark their imaginations but, as ever please don't feel like you have to do everything children! I know they will really enjoy this topic as much as I have planning it.

Similarly you don't have to have a printer at home to do some of the worksheets you can write or draw some of the questions to answer in your exercise books, (more exercise books in reception if you need one).

Additionally there are six 2 minute videos - <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/discover-issue/trash-talk> - (bit American but very child friendly), the videos cover: - What is marine debris? Where does marine debris come from? How does marine debris impact on the ocean, animals and me? Why is plastic debris so common? What is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch? What can we do about marine debris?



When you look at these upsetting pictures of animals caught up in plastic it really makes you want to do something. Making a difference <https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/sky-wwf-making-change-making-difference> is important to all of us and you might want to think about reducing your family's plastic usage? In the Danby household we've gone back to using bars of soap rather than using liquid soap in containers, (cheaper and easier to buy but during lockdown), it's only a small thing but at least it's a start. I almost forgot I have a new thermos cup for hot drinks too made from metal not plastic so I can wash and reuse it. Have a look at the next page for tips about plastic free lunches and going plastic free in July.

Ways to REDUCE PLASTIC

- REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES** 
- GLASS OR STAINLESS STRAWS** 
- SILICONE BAGS VERSUS PLASTIC ZIPLOCK BAGS** 
- Opt out of plastic produce bags in grocery stores and BRING YOUR OWN GROCERY TOTE BAGS** 
- SWITCH TO GLASS TUPPERWARE** 
- AVOID PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BAGS OF FOOD WHEN SHOPPING** 
- BUY CARTONS OR GLASS VERSUS PLASTIC WHEN POSSIBLE** 
- USE CLOTH NAPKINS OR REUSABLE TOWELS IN THE KITCHEN to avoid extra trash (plastic garbage bags!)** 
- REUSABLE COFFEE MUGS OR A MASON JAR (to the juice or smoothie shop); you often get a discount when you bring these!** 
- MAKE YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS like cleaning sprays, body scrubs, etc.** 
- USE/BUY LESS PACKAGED FOODS (bonus: you'll be eating less processed foods along the way!)** 
- FIND LOCAL "BUY NOTHING GROUPS" to pass on your unused stuff to avoid waste.** 
- SHOP IN THE BULK SECTIONS** 

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Have a fantastic week and remember to stay safe and have fun and we hope to see you all again soon.

Love from Mrs Danby & Mrs Willows