

WEEK 10: OCEANS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- A map or access to the internet
- Writing paper or access to a computer
- Writing or drawing materials



ACTIVITY 1: MY LOCAL RIVER

There are nearly 1,500 rivers in the UK – do you know which ones are nearby? Rivers pass by many towns from source to sea, and this makes them easy methods of transportation for plastic pollution. For this activity, investigate which rivers are close by to you to help you learn more about your local area and the trip from land to sea. Use the questions below to help you out!

Where does it start?

What towns and cities does it pass?

Where does it meet the ocean?

What towns are nearby?

Where might the litter get in?



ACTIVITY 2: WAYS TO REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE

It is thought that there is around 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic in the oceans. Changing some of our habits can help to reduce the amount of plastic that is created and wasted. Create a campaign to help keep our oceans clean - be as inventive as you like! You could create a short video aimed at educating young people on how they can reduce the amount of plastic they and their families use and throw away. Maybe make a video diary, showing each day how you are helping to reduce your plastic footprint. You could start a petition and make posters to hand out to your neighbours. Or, you could create a song or poem about the oceans! Make sure that whatever you choose to do, you highlight the message of reducing plastic pollution! You could list some of the plastic packaging items that you currently use and research some of the top swaps for your common packaging. Or you could research the facts about plastic and how businesses and shopping habits can help the issue.

FUN FACT: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE OCEAN



Over 3 billion people rely on the ocean for their primary source of food or income. The ocean regulates our climate, provides us with food and energy and holds so many amazing creatures. We have not been treating it with the respect it deserves, and have been mining it for fossil fuels, fishing, even in the very deep sea, and pouring our waste and chemicals into it. Can you be a voice for the ocean? Learn more about the importance of our oceans using your research skills from Climate Week (week 6) and Izzy's video on being a wildlife champion and think about what you could do next.

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