

# Creative Corner!



Get artistic! Can you draw the following?

What 3 items of plastic do you use each day?

Can you draw non-plastic alternatives for these items?

What can you do with plastic, apart from recycle?



## A TOXIC JOURNEY

from our rivers  
to our oceans



Global Ocean is a marine conservation charity from London aiming to encourage children to learn and care about their local marine environments, in order to conserve key habitats and species for generations to come.

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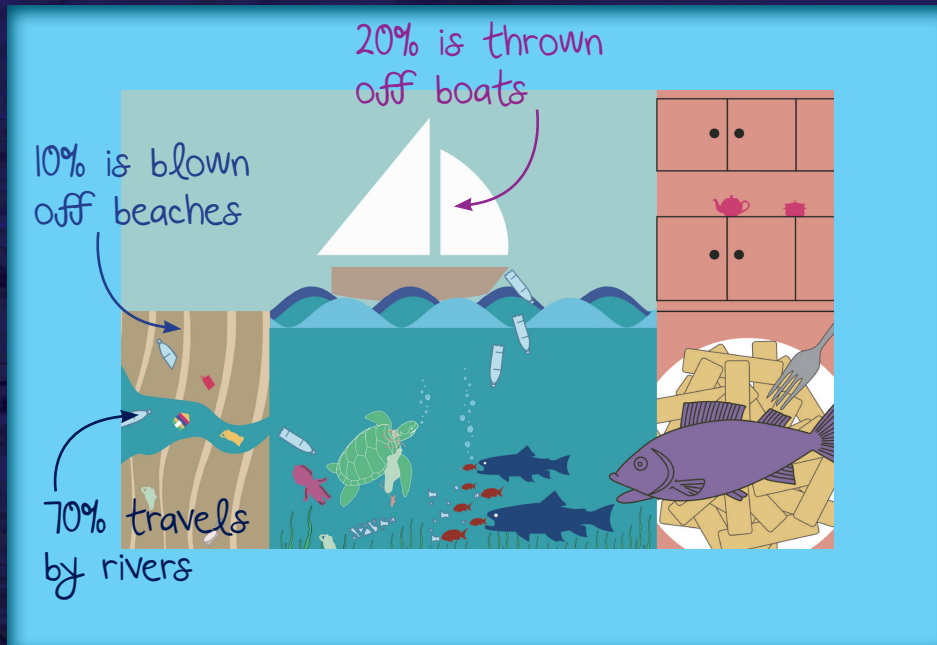
#PlasticPoison





# From Supermarket To Sea

# How Can You Help?



- Oceans are commonly the end place for most of the plastic that we use and throw away, entering them from rivers, boats and beaches. Think about how much plastic litter you see on the street, when it rains this is washed down storm drains into rivers and eventually out to sea.
- The litter we create ends up polluting our oceans and the wonderful creatures that call it their home. Plastic rubbish ending up in our seas EVERY YEAR weighs the same amount as 5 million small cars!
- Marine animals often mistakenly swallow plastic causing choking and stomach problems, or they become entangled and trapped so they cannot swim properly and sometimes drown, and it even destroys their homes by smothering plant life and breaking corals.
- Every year this harms members of 663 different species, including 1 million seabirds and over 100,000 whales and dolphins that die from our plastic poison.
- It even affects our own health by dangerous chemicals entering our food chain and causing serious diseases.

**O**nly drink tap water (if you can) and use a refillable aluminium bottle – we use enough plastic cups EVERY DAY to circle the Earth

**C**arry a canvas tote bag and refuse plastic bags from shops – 1 million plastic bags are used EVERY MINUTE around the world

**E**ncourage recycling by following local rules – our annual plastic waste weighs the same as 4 million Double Decker buses

**A**rtistically up-cycle your plastic into something useful for your classroom or home (see our website for ideas)

**N**otify your friends and family about the plastic poison problem and inspire lifelong respect for marine life

**S**tart a “recycling rangers” club to show others in your community how to reduce, reuse and recycle.

