

Waste Week

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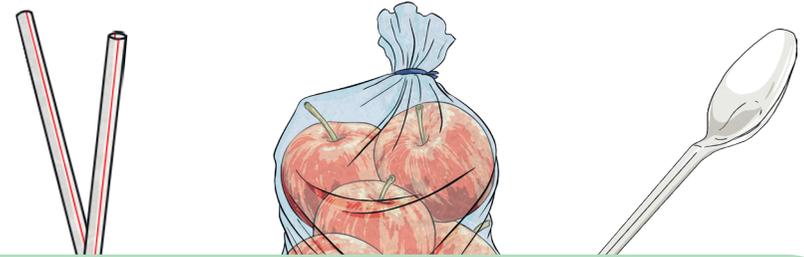


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This year, the focus for Waste Week is looking at how we can reduce plastic waste within our environment. We are being challenged to think differently about plastic waste.



What plastic items have you used lately that you could have replaced with something environmentally friendly?

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'Refusing' or 'Replacing' is when you refuse to use plastic items that are greatly contributing to pollution and landfill. Today it is becoming easier to refuse things like plastic shopping bags and replace them with reusable cotton bags.



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Did You Know...?

A plastic bottle can last for 450 years in the marine environment, slowly fragmenting into smaller and smaller pieces which eventually end up microscopic but never truly go away.



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Did You Know...?

Approximately 8 million pieces of plastic end up in the ocean every day.



What plastic items could you refuse and replace to help reduce this pollution?

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Did You Know...?

Plastic drink bottles are the most common type of plastic waste, with about 480 billion plastic bottles being sold globally.

Think about how you could use a stainless steel, glass or other reusable drink bottles that don't need to be thrown away.

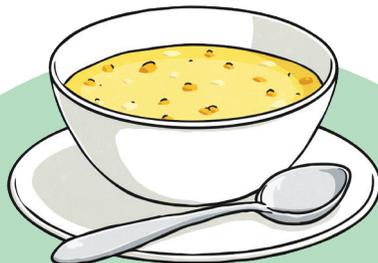


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Did You Know...?

Plastic pollution accumulates in areas of the ocean through winds and tidal currents. These are known as Gyres. There are five gyres around the planet and each one looks like a giant swirling pool of plastic soup.

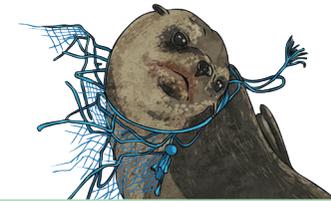


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Did You Know...?

There are over 150 plastic bottles that litter each mile of UK beaches. Plastic pollution can now be found on every beach in the world; from busy tourist beaches to uninhabited islands.



What every day plastic items do you think you could refuse and replace with an environmentally friendly option?

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Did You Know...?

Scientists studied marine plastic pollution found in animals and found that 100% of marine turtles, 59% of whales, 40% of seabirds and 36% of seals were polluted by plastic.

