



Activities at Home

'Splish, Splash, Splosh'

Dear Parents,

**The activity for the week commencing 5 is:
"Plastic in the Oceans in Rubbish!"**

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Discussing why the oceans are so important to the overall wellbeing of our environment and our planet
 - Discussing what we mean when we use the term 'plastic pollution' and how this has a big impact on our environment, as well as considering what we mean when we talk about a single use plastic and how we as individuals can lower our own use of single use plastic
 - Reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' to consider the journey that a single plastic bag may take in the ocean and the range of different wildlife that it may meet and impact
 - Creating our own sea creatures out of household plastic junk
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Our activity includes:

- Teacher supported discussions about the oceans, plastic pollution and single use plastic. After defining these terms, the teacher will take on a new role in the conversation, from leading the conversation to supporting and mediating a dialogue between the children
 - Reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'
 - Using junk modelling to create our own sea creatures
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You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations. Our suggested activities are:

- When going shopping, give your child the responsibility of ‘remembering’ to bring the reusable shopping bags, remembering to praise them and highlight the impact that they are having on the environment when they do so-“Thank you so much for remembering these, just think about how many plastic bags we would have needed to use!”
- Get your child to take an active role in helping with the recycling at home
- Instead of buying new things, show your child how they can repurpose single use plastic-for example, yoghurt pots make great paint pots, or a plastic bottle can be turned into a fun sensory bottle using baby oil, water, food colouring and glitter

