

A satellite view of Earth showing the Americas, with white text overlaid.

We are celebrating
Earth Day
22nd April 2020

Have ever visited the seaside? Talk about what you did and what you liked.



Many people enjoy going to the beach. What's your favourite activity? It could be sunbathing, swimming, playing games on the sand, building sandcastles and eating ice cream.



Can you identify each animal and talk about each one.



What can you spot?



Marine species of the UK

We are surrounded by the sea, and our waters provide the habitat for over 44,000 different species of sea life.

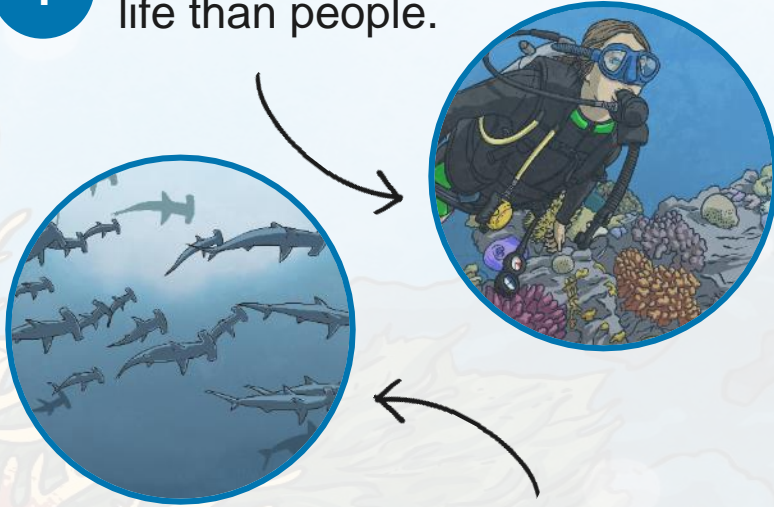


Can you find the UK?

Our Beautiful Blue Planet

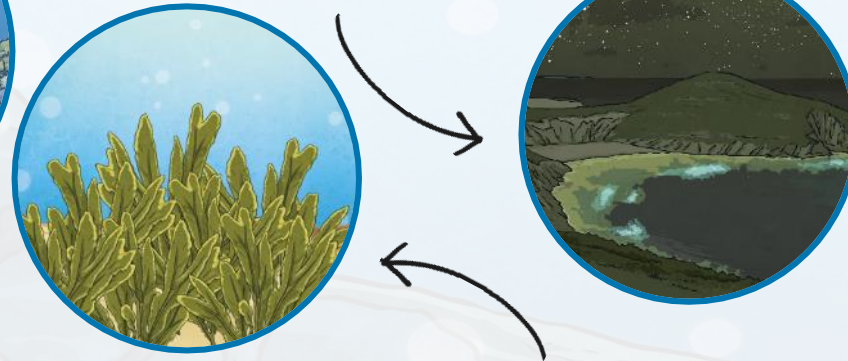
Fascinating Facts

1 On Earth, there's more marine life than people.



2 All of our oceans are connected. Sharks are sea creatures that don't stay in one place. They swim around and move to different oceans.

3 In the seas and rivers, there are lots of tiny organisms called **plankton**. Lots of living things eat these plankton, but when mobula rays feed on them, the plankton lights up, turning fluorescent.



4 Plankton are really small, but are a really important part of the Earth's oxygen supply. All of the plankton, seaweeds and sea grasses make as much oxygen as the forests and grassy plains on Earth.

Litter that is regularly washed up on beaches.



How does it make you feel?



What Are We Doing?

Plastic pollution

This is when plastic gets into the seas and pollutes, or harms, the living things.



Let's Look!

When a person eats a prawn which has swallowed plastic, that person has also eaten some of the plastic.

- Plastic is a very useful material, but it is hard to get rid of. When it is not needed, it can be burnt or buried in a landfill. However, plastic is not recycled as easily as other materials. People throw away plastic in the sea, which can harm the animals that live there.
- Sometimes, animals create a habit of eating plastic. For example, a whale might eat plastic for food. If a whale eats plastic, it would be harmful to it. It would also be harmful to the people who eat the whale's meat.
- Plastic pollution can also harm the people who eat our food. For example, if a person eats a prawn that has swallowed plastic, they have also eaten some of the plastic.

Things for you to do.

- In the book we gave you draw a picture of a sea creature.
- Then with help make a pledge.
- Here is an example but you could write your own.



Help our oceans by _____ because

I will tell _____ about what I have learnt today.

Follow up Extra activities

- Choose at least **2** from this list.
- Make a poster to save our oceans from plastics. It must include facts and a reasons.
- Print and do the reading comprehension.
- Research into ocean habitats and what lives in them.
- Reuse some of your recycling to make a sea creature.
- Use your toys to make an underwater scene.



More things you may want to watch bits from with an adult.

- Watch bbc blue planet especially episode 7
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/p04tjbtX/blue-planet-ii>
- BBC live lessons has a great lesson that you could watch.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/blue-planet-live-lesson/zn7tkmn>