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SAYS:

# PLASTIC IS **NOT** FANTASTIC

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**Austin the turtle is not happy about finding our plastic in his home.**

Plastic gets into the ocean by:

- 1) Being dumped off boats
- 2) Carried by rivers and waterways
- 3) Blown off of beaches and coastlines

This plastic can hurt marine animals, destroy their homes and habitats and is harmful to us too (find out more in Sea Urchins Issue 4).

If we disposed of our plastic properly, or used less of it, then we could make Austin the turtle much happier.

If you live in the United Kingdom and you see plastic in your every day life, just remember to think about your oceans:

Your plastic bags  
don't belong in my home.



**O** nly drink tap water if you can

**C** ontact your local council about banning the use of single use bags

**E** ncourage recycling by understanding local rules and use canvas bags

**A** rtistically recycle your plastic

**N** otify your friends and family about the plastic pollution threat

**S** tart a recycling scheme with your class - get everyone to become a 'Recycling Ranger'

The number of  
marine species affected  
by plastic debris has risen  
to 663



# Throw Away **less** Plastic

As you now know, plastic can harm our ocean habitats. There is currently so much plastic in our oceans, that parts of them are more like plastic soup. The problem has gotten worse and worse over the years and we must try and use less plastic.

## 1) Recycle Creatively

Instead of throwing away your single-use plastic items, why don't you use them to create a collage? Your collage can show one of the hundreds of species that are harmed by plastic or highlight how marine habitats are slowly filling with debris.

Think about what you have learnt about plastic pollution to add a strong message to spread to your friends, family and classmates.

## 2) Say No To Single-Use Plastic

Decorate a canvas tote bag with a slogan about your oceans getting polluted. Use it every day instead of a plastic bag. You can also decorate an aluminum bottle with your new marine friends to remind you why you don't need a new plastic bottle every time you are thirsty.



## Can You Do More?

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