



Barrow Hills

SCHOOL

# Mr Oldroyd's Assembly

Monday 8th June 2020

World Oceans Day.

# Have you ever been to the seaside?

This is a picture of a beautiful English beach.

It may bring back some memories of your visits.

Paddling in the shallows, building sandcastles, playing games with your family and friends, picnics, etc.



Here are some other pictures from around the UK...



They were some stunning pictures, probably making you remember your holidays and hoping that it won't be long until you can visit the seaside soon.

The UK is surrounded by the seas and oceans. Can you name some of them?

the English Channel,

the Atlantic Ocean,

the North Sea,

the Irish Sea.

Our waters provide the habitat for over 44,000 different species of sea life.

# Seals.



# Dolphins.



# Crabs.



# Basking Sharks.





Here are some more: starfish; seahorses, birds...



Let's now look at what our beaches and seas can look like...



I'm sure that you are shocked by these pictures.



# How did the last three pictures make you feel?

Scenes like these show us that all is not well in our oceans.

Marine scientists have discovered that many plastics that find their way into the world's oceans are toxic.



This means that these plastics can damage the animals and even kill them.

Another problem is that wildlife such as seabirds can get entangled in bits of plastic or even become stuck in plastic bottles.



Fortunately, scientists, marine conservation societies and the UK government agree that we need to do more to protect our seas and oceans, particularly where the use of plastic is concerned.

They suggest that we can all take some action – even if it is something as simple as taking home our rubbish after a day out.

I am also sure that you will remember many ways that you reduce the impact that plastics can have on the environment such as,

having a reusable water bottle rather than relying on a single-use one and taking a reusable bag with you when you go to the shops, rather than paying for single-use plastic one.



# Time for reflection:

Many world faiths believe that we have a responsibility to look after the world in which we live. Christians believe that God made the world and wants us all to care for it; this is known as stewardship.

The Bible says, 'the earth is the Lord's and everything in it... for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.'

Christians think that this means we have the responsibility to look after God's creation as it is a privilege to have such a wonderful place in which to live.





# Today's Prayer & Hymn:



Please [click here](#) for the hymn.

Dear God,

Thank you for the beautiful world in which we live.

Thank you for the amazing variety of animals and plants.

Thank you for the sea and the beaches.

Please help us to think carefully about our responsibilities in the world.

Please help us to care about the environment.

Amen.

Find out more about World Oceans Day...  
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