

# GLOBAL OCEAN SCHOOL WORKSHOPS



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*for those who care*



## WHAT WE DO

Global Ocean produces school workshops with educational content, to creatively highlight the impacts of plastic pollution on the marine environment. We aim to generate an affinity to the marine world and encourage children to positively contribute to marine stewardship.

### Our eco-arts plastic workshops:

- **Educate** participants on the issue of plastic pollution, how plastic gets into the marine environment and how it impacts on marine life
- **Transform** this apparent “rubbish” into a resource by turning it into art, promoting creativity and highlighting the need to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE
- **Provide** ways in which individuals can get involved and make a difference to the world’s oceans

Professional arts educators teach children how to turn everyday, throw-away plastic items into sculptures of fish and other marine life, whilst a marine biologist is on hand to explain how vital a healthy ocean is to sustaining life.

There is also the potential to turn these models of marine creatures into an animation that the children can help to develop, this can then be published on our website.



### WE ALSO OFFER:

#### **Global Ocean’s ‘Remember to Recycle’ magnets**

Children transform collected milk bottle tops into beautiful fridge magnets by decorating them with plastic “waste” and a message to promote recycling.

#### **Global Ocean’s enterprise project**

A novel session where KS2 children get the chance to create bespoke merchandise from throw-away plastic objects. These pieces can then be sold on the Global Ocean website, with the proceeds contributing to marine conservation projects around the world.

#### **Parent/child collaboration day**

Parents are invited into the school to work alongside their children with the medium of plastic in a creative and environmental context.

## HOW IT LINKS TO THE CURRICULUM

Our workshops can be adapted to foundation stage, Key Stage 1 or 2 and cover science, geography, art, DT and PSHE objectives including:

- **Science:** Life processes & Living Things and Materials and Their Properties
- **Geography:** Environmental Sustainability and Pollution
- **Art:** Materials and Processes, Exploring and Developing Ideas
- **DT:** Working with tools, equipment, materials and components to make quality products
- **PSHE:** Preparing to play an active role as a citizen

Projects can be adapted to the specific needs of the school and can range in time from two hours to whole day sessions. We usually work with a single class or year group but we have devised workshops with a number of different classes or as a whole school presentation. Follow up work can also be organised through further workshops or Global Ocean website related activities.



## WHAT IS GLOBAL OCEAN?

Global Ocean is a London based marine conservation charity established in 2006 to conserve marine life by heightening awareness about the plight of the seas and finding funds for conservation programmes around the world ([www.globalocean.org.uk](http://www.globalocean.org.uk)).

To help generate this awareness we often work with the arts, providing a platform to relay our messages. This includes workshops located in classrooms, museums, galleries and at festivals.



## THE ISSUE: A PLASTIC OCEAN

In the UK we throw away billions of plastic bags, bottles and countless other plastic objects every year. In 2006 alone we used 2.7 million tonnes of plastic to bottle water worldwide (EPI, 2006).

Much of this plastic waste ends in our oceans and on our beaches, posing a lethal threat to marine organisms through ingestion and entanglement.

Scientists have discovered that under marine conditions (salt water, sunlight and wave action), plastic breaks down into tiny fragments, fragments that are then consumed by countless marine organisms, (including plankton, which are the source of the marine food chain) thereby proving a serious threat to food chains including our own.



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