

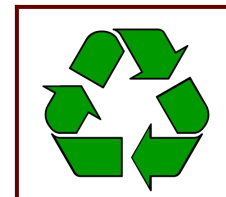


Aspire Curriculum Knowledge Organiser: Global/Current Affairs

Big Question: How can we look after our planet?

Year 2

Summer 2



What? Key Knowledge Takeaways

- Plastic was created in 1907. It was not widely used until the 1960s as it became cheaper to make.
- Around 2 million plastic bags are used every minute. 73% of beach litter is plastic.
- Around 8 million pieces of plastic pollution enter our water systems each day.
- If materials are not recycled, they are buried at a landfill. This is damaging our local and wider environment.
- Plastic pollution is damaging and harmful to the habitats and wildlife in our environments.
- If we reduce, reuse and reduce plastic, we can make a positive impact and change.
- If I recycle materials, this will reduce the plastic pollution in the oceans and protect marine life.

Who? Famous People



Sir David Attenborough is an English broadcaster and naturalist and is extremely well known for his documentaries for the BBC. The 'Attenborough Effect' is a number of changes which have resulted in the debate on plastic waste and the wider social movement surrounding it.



Greta Thunberg is a Swedish young adult who is known for challenging world leaders to make changes to take immediate action about climate change. Thunberg started by persuading her parents to change their lifestyle choice to reduce their carbon footprint.

Key Vocabulary

Definition

recycle

The action of changing waste into reusable material.

plastic pollution

Materials are added into the environment which have harmful or poisonous effects.

environment

The surroundings in which a person, animal, or plant lives.

landfill

An area where rubbish and waste is buried.

marine life

The plants, animals and other organisms that live in the salt water of the sea or ocean.

deforestation

Deforestation is the cutting down of forests or groups of trees which is then turned into non-forest use.

climate

The weather found in a certain place over a long period of time is known as the **climate**.

sustainability

The idea that humans must interact with the environment that ensures there will be enough resources for future generations.