



EXPLORERS CARING FOR OUR OCEAN ACTION BOARD



Tick the boxes to show what you and your class will do for the ocean.

WHAT MY CLASS WILL DO TODAY



I WILL LET MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY KNOW SOME AWESOME FACTS ABOUT THE OCEAN

- The ocean covers 70% of the planet
- There is more volcanic activity under the ocean than on land
- The biggest animal on Earth is called the blue whale and measures up to 30 metres long
- Only 5% of the ocean has been explored
- Over one thousand marine species are being discovered by marine scientists each year

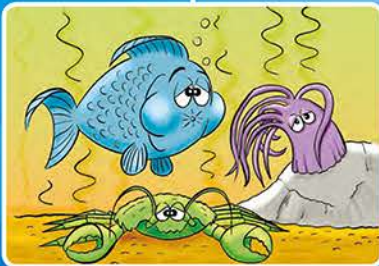
I AM GOING TO LEARN HOW THE OCEAN AFFECTS ME AND HOW I AFFECT THE OCEAN

- Over half the oxygen we breathe comes from a microscopic plant called phytoplankton that lives in the ocean
- The ocean affects our climate and rainfall which influences our weather
- The ocean provides us with fresh water through the water cycle
- Sadly, over 8 billion tons of plastic is dumped in the ocean around the world every year which affects the marine habitats and animals
- The ocean absorbs carbon from the atmosphere causing climate change and ocean acidification

I WILL PREVENT PLASTIC FROM ENTERING THE OCEAN BY REDUCING, REUSING AND RECYCLING PLASTIC

- Use a reusable water bottle and lunch container
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Reduce buying products that use plastic packaging
- Check the labels and avoid using products that use micro-plastics (beads) in them, such as some soaps, shampoos and toothpaste
- Place plastic litter in a recycling bin

WHAT MY CLASS WILL DO IN THE NEXT WEEK



I WILL HELP TO PROTECT THE OCEAN BY REDUCING MY CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Use less electricity, such as turning off lights, plugging out the phone charger, TV and the computer when not in use
- Use less carbon fuels for heating and put on a jumper and socks when it gets cold
- Use less carbon fuels for transport by walking, cycling, carpooling or use public transport

I WILL HELP PREVENT LITTER FROM ENTERING THE OCEAN AND KEEP MY LOCAL BEACH CLEAN

- Take all of my belongings and rubbish with me after visiting the seashore
- Volunteer to take part in a local beach clean
- Organise a poster campaign to prevent littering
- Encourage my school to 'adopt' a beach to help care for our local environment

WHAT MY CLASS WILL DO IN THE NEXT MONTH



I WILL SUPPORT THE SUSTAINABLE FISHING AND MARINE INDUSTRIES

- Eat fish and buy marine products from sustainable fisheries
- Buy marine souvenirs that don't exploit endangered species, such as corals and some shells

What else can my class do to care for the ocean?