# Earth Day 2018

#### **End Plastic Pollution**

#### What Is Earth Day?

Earth Day happens every year on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Earth Day is about looking after our planet and stopping things that harm the Earth. Every year, Earth Day has a special theme. This year, the theme is **End Plastic Pollution**.





#### What Is Plastic Pollution?

Plastic pollution is when plastic that has been thrown away ends up in oceans and rivers, on beaches and in the countryside.

Many things we use every day are made of plastic. Plastic is very cheap and strong so when it is thrown away it lasts a long time and is hard to get rid of.

Lots of plastic ends up in oceans where it traps and harms fish and other sea animals.

#### What You Can Do

There are lots of things we can all do to help end plastic pollution. Not only on Earth Day but all year round!

- Reuse a water bottle instead of buying a new one.
- Don't use plastic straws for drinks.
- Carry shopping in fabric bags, not plastic bags.
- Talk to your family about buying things that are made of other materials, not plastic.
- Talk to your head teacher or school council about how your school can use less plastic.

## Did You Know...?

- The amount of plastic that humans use every year weighs the same as 30 million elephants!
- By the year 2050, there could be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish!



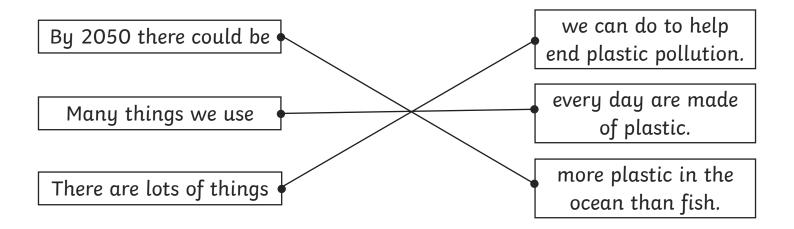
# Questions

1. What is this year's Earth Day theme? Tick one.	
<ul><li>End Car Fumes</li><li>End Plastic Pollution</li><li>End Dirty Water</li></ul>	
2. Draw lines to match these sentences.	
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<ol> <li>Number the events below to show the order in which they happen.</li> <li>Plastic ends up in oceans and rivers.</li> <li>People use plastic and throw it away.</li> <li>Plastic traps and harms fish and other sea animals.</li> <li>Find and copy one word that describes plastic.</li> <li>Find and copy one thing you can do to help end plastic pollution.</li> </ol>	



### Answers

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- 3. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen.
  - 2 Plastic ends up in oceans and rivers.
  - 1 People use plastic and throw it away.
  - 3 Plastic traps and harms fish and other sea animals.
- 4. Find and copy one word that describes plastic.

Accept any of the following: cheap; strong.

5. Find and copy one thing you can do to help end plastic pollution.

Accept any one of the points from the section 'What You Can Do', e.g. Reuse a water bottle instead of buying a new one.



