

MARINE LITTER – WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!

DESCRIPTION

The aim of this 90-minute marine litter workshop is to raise awareness of the impact of marine litter on seabirds and other marine wildlife and to enlighten children on changes they can make to help reduce risks to marine ecosystems.

With visual displays and samples of typical litter materials we will identify types and sources of marine litter. Children will learn about seabirds and other marine creatures, their interdependence on each other and their habitat and how they can be affected by marine litter. Students will estimate and check times taken for litter to degrade and identify good practices to minimise household littering.

With arts and crafts, they will personalise their own sustainable shopping bag which can be taken home to begin their journey to reducing litter. Children will be encouraged to spread the “Marine Litter - What a Load of Rubbish” message through the creation of an in-school display board, posters or play. This workshop can be held in either the school hall or school classroom.



Over 20 million tonnes of plastic rubbish ends up in our oceans every year. It will never fully disappear and is very harmful to all forms of wildlife.



KEY ACTIVITIES

- Learning about the sources of litter
- A plastic world - interdependence of wildlife and their habitat
- Understanding timescales required to degrade litter
- Sustainable living – actively thinking of ways to reduce litter