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- No one likes litter so why do people do it?
- Discuss with your partner and blast 5 quick and simple reasons why people litter in 60 seconds.
- So how can we stop people from littering and take more care of their environment? 60 seconds.....
GO!



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- Think about where you live.
- What are the most common places for littering?
- Is school one of these?
- If yes, why do you think people in our fantastic school do not put litter in the appropriate place?



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Spend some time exploring the facts of littering on the map

THE SHOCKING IMPACT OF LITTER IN THE UK

OUR RIVERS ARE BECOMING POLLUTED
PLASTIC LITTER, POLYSTYRENE CUPS AND OTHER LITTER IS CHOKING RIVER HABITATS. YOU MIGHT NOT NOTICE AS MOST OF IT SINKS TO THE BOTTOM

THERE ARE 5.25 TRILLION PIECES OF PLASTIC IN THE OCEAN

EVERY SINGLE PIECE OF PLASTIC EVER MADE STILL EXISTS

RIVERS AND STORM DRAINS CARRY INLAND LITTER OUT TO SEA
ESPECIALLY CIGARETTE BUTTS WASHED DOWN DRAINS

DECOMPOSING PLASTICS CAN RELEASE HARMFUL CHEMICALS INTO OUR SEAS

IT COSTS £800 MILLION OF LOCAL TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO CLEAN UP LITTER EVERY YEAR
MONEY WHICH COULD BE SPENT ON GOOD THINGS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ITEMS WHICH ARE MOST FREQUENTLY LITTERED
CIGARETTE PACKETS AND BUTTS
FAST FOOD LITTER, CANS
PLASTIC BOTTLES

UP TO 20+ YEARS TO BIODEGRADE

ON LAND AND SEA WILDLIFE
SUFFERS FROM LITTER. ANIMALS CAN GET TRAPPED, ENTANGLED OR CUT AND OFTEN EVEN EAT IT

LITTER THROWN FROM CARS CAN CAUSE ACCIDENTS

1 MILLION+ YEARS TO BIODEGRADE

UP TO 10 YEARS TO BIODEGRADE

LITTER MAKES PEOPLE DEPRESSED AND ANGRY

50+ YEARS TO BIODEGRADE

PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO HAVE A COUNTRY COVERED IN LITTER

3 MILLION JOBS DEPEND ON TOURISM IN THE UK

GRAFFITI & LITTER LEAD TO MORE STREET CRIME
(THE BROKEN WINDOWS THEORY)

400+ YEARS TO BIODEGRADE AND A MONTH TO REMOVABLE

RECYCLED FROM THE USE OF THE WINDY BLOWING THROUGH HARBORS, RIVER MOUTH

CHewing GUM NEVER BIODEGRADES
IT STAYS PERENNIAL AND COSTS LOCAL COUNCILS A FORTUNE TO REMOVE

CIGARETTE BUTTS WIND THEIR WAY THROUGH OUR LANDSCAPE DOWN BY RIVERS AND CARRIES BY WATER AS THEY BREAK DOWN THEY RELEASE DANGEROUS TOXINS

IN THE OCEAN, PLASTIC BREAKS DOWN INTO TINY PIECES KNOWN AS MICRO-PLASTICS

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BALLOON RELEASES ARE A REAL THREAT TO WILDLIFE
ON LAND AND AT SEA, TURTLES AND OTHER ANIMALS mistake bits of balloon for jellyfish which they block the digestive tract and kill

STUDIES HAVE FOUND OVER 3,000 ITEMS OF LITTER FOR EVERY KILOMETRE ON OUR BEACHES

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Litter facts

- **It costs the UK £1bn to clear litter EVERY YEAR.** Money which could be spent on things to *really* benefit society. Think of the good it could do in our struggling NHS...
- **An estimated eight million tonnes of plastic waste is added to the oceans every year** and most plastic never biodegrades. It breaks down into smaller pieces known as micro-plastics. Large pieces can trap animals and smaller pieces are often eaten
- **Wildlife suffers the consequences, as do our pets.** The [RSPCA](#) receive over 7,000 phone calls a year about animals who have eaten or been injured by litter. They think that the real number is much higher as most owners go straight to vets and many wild animals who suffer aren't found.



Litter facts

- **Plastics, polystyrene cups and discarded packaging are choking river habitats** but tend to be hidden at the bottom of the water so go unnoticed. Decomposing plastic can release toxic chemicals which are then passed through the food chain.
- **Rivers and storm drains carry inland litter out to sea.** There are 5.25 trillion pieces of plastic debris in the ocean and 2,500 items of rubbish for every kilometre on our beaches.
- The costs of litter are significant and varied. The annual cost of picking up litter across the UK is close to £1 billion , eighty-one percent of British people say that seeing litter on the streets makes them frustrated and angry and spending time in places that appear uncared for may result in damage to community spirit .



"SOMEONE
ELSE WILL
PICK IT UP"

NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES



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- Quiz- work with your partner as we try and answer the following points;
- Why dropping litter is bad for our environment, wildlife and communities
- Why it's important to think carefully about balloon releases and how we use certain 'single use' plastic items
- What we shouldn't flush down the loo and why!
- <https://cleanupbritain.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Clean-Up-Britain-Litter-Quiz.pdf>

"I DON'T
HAVE TIME TO
FIND A BIN"

NO MORE RUBBISH EXCUSES



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- So always putting our litter in a bin is the best way to avoid littering but how can we reduce the amount of litter and waste we make?
- Here's a few to get you started, can you think of others?
- Always carrying reusable bags for our shopping
- Taking reusable cups for our take-out hot drinks.
- Paper or card straws for our soft drinks
- Carrying refillable water bottles and drinking good old tap water
- Can you think of 5 more?

Litter kills

- The UK has a serious litter problem. Take a look around you – every village, town, city, beach and roadside is blighted with the lazy leftovers of our daily lives.
- In particular young women and men, aged 12-30, who don't even think about litter. This age group, while saying they love the planet, agree with recycling/ green issues and want to save endangered species are the worst at littering.....that's you!!!.
- We're supposedly a nation of pet and animal lovers. British households in total host 8.5m dogs and 8m cats. Millions of us care about wildlife and enjoy seeing wild animals where we live, work and play.
- Yet our littering habit affects thousands and thousands of animals in a very bad, sometimes fatal, way.



Litter- gum!!

- **The 30 million tonnes of litter dropped each year starts with a single item – and chewing gum is a particularly sticky issue. Gum makes streets look grubby and uncared for, and is even worse when it sticks to our clothes and shoes.**
- Each piece of gum costs 10p to remove from our streets, or more than the gum costs in the first place. With 95% of our country's streets stained with gum these clean-up costs could be better spent elsewhere.
- <https://youtu.be/CjTjQewngxE>
- <https://youtu.be/xOp8A6exECI>



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- Watch the video, do you think bottle deposits are a good idea to stop littering?
- <https://youtu.be/jCjeNZquEPU>
- Unfortunately litter is a problem in our school too.
- What ways can you think of to encourage people to be more responsible, bin their rubbish and look after our school?
- We would love to hear your answers because this is OUR school and WE need to look after it.

