

We are going to produce an information poster using all of our knowledge from this topic.

The poster is going to be sent to the children of Hillstone to educate and inform them about the damage plastic waste is causing.



We could tell them about shocking facts that we have found out.

We could tell them about David Attenborough and what he is doing to help save the oceans.

We could tell them about stories they could read.

We could tell them about single use plastic swaps that they could make.



First of all...

Let's remind ourselves about Non-Fiction features.

What **MUST** our poster contain?

Non-Fiction Features



opening paragraph

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Non-Fiction Features

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Can you spot any of those features on this page?



THE PLASTIC PROBLEM

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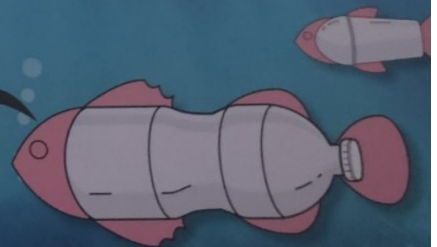


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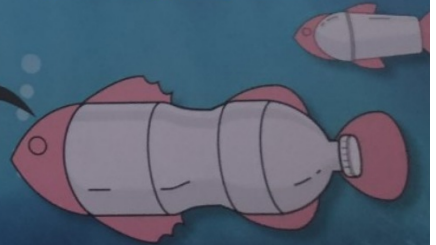
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MISSION 5

FIGHT PLASTIC IN YOUR LUNCH HOUR

When plastic affects us personally, it can be hard to make changes, especially if it means giving up tasty things you love. If your lunch is packed with good stuff, but packaged in plastic, you are going to have to make some difficult decisions. Are you ready to fight for your lunch? You are? Superhero status awaits!



★ EVERYDAY SUPERHERO ★

Name: Helford the Hero

Job: Common dolphin

Superpower: Super intelligence

How you fight plastic: I fought a plastic fishing line for hours before I was rescued

Top tip: Only eat fish that has been caught using dolphin-friendly nets

Hates: Humans leaving fishing nets in the sea

Loves: Playing with my pod

★ HELFORD THE HERO ★

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TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR LUNCH

Superheroes eat lunch. That's a fact. But what's it packaged in? Does your lunch come with a plastic fork? On a plastic plate? With crisps? Do you have juice in a carton, with a straw? And what about healthy bits? Do your carrots come ready-cut in a plastic bag? It might be time for a change.

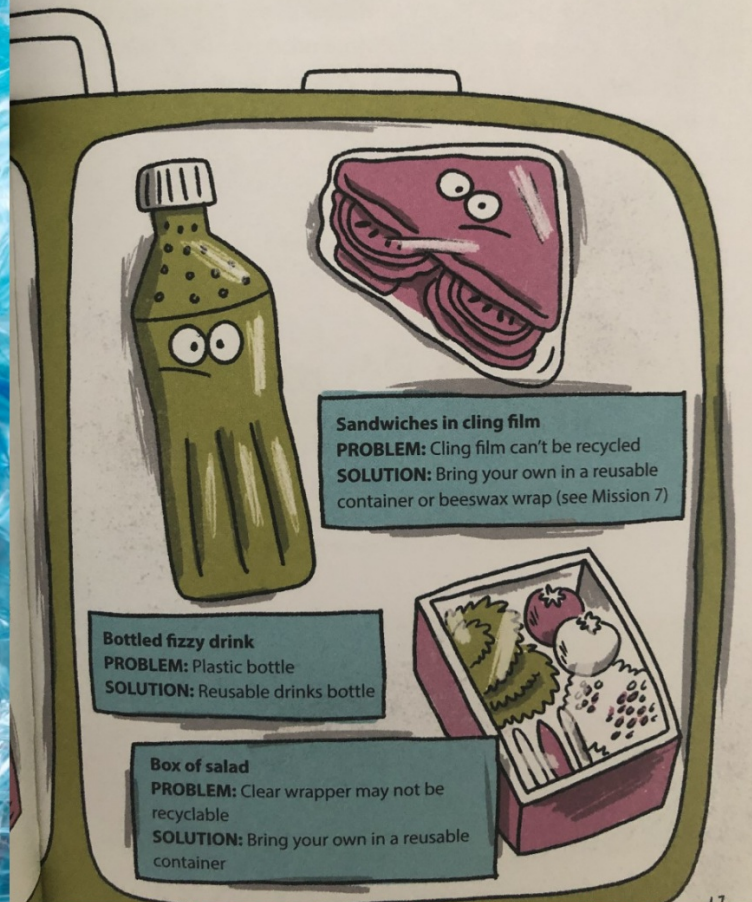


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Pre-cut apples, snack-sized chocolate bars, sandwiches, salads and juice cartons usually come packaged in lots of plastic.



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FIGHT PLASTIC IN YOUR SCHOOL DINNER

How many school dinners get served in your school each day? If your school dinners get served with single-use plastic straws, plastic cutlery, cartons, plastic bottles or plastic containers, then it's not hard to do the maths and work out how much plastic your school could save by changing to non-plastic alternatives. It's time to fight for a plastic-free lunch!



Imagine how many lunches are served in your school over a school year.



Then imagine how many schools there are in the whole country.

YOUR 2 MINUTE MISSION: Show and tell! Ask your teacher if you can talk to your class or in assembly about your #2minutesuperhero mission. Explain why you are trying to reduce plastic and how you are doing it. Ask your fellow pupils to sign a pledge to help you.
50 POINTS

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Think about how many millions of school lunches are eaten every year.



And remember, it only takes one plastic straw to kill a turtle.

YOUR 2 MINUTE MISSION: Does your school have a recycling point for single-use plastics such as yogurt pots, straws and drinks bottles? If not, set one up! Get the permission of your teacher and headteacher. Make labels so everyone can see what goes where.
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Time to create our own information posters.

It must contain all of the non-fiction features that we have explored.

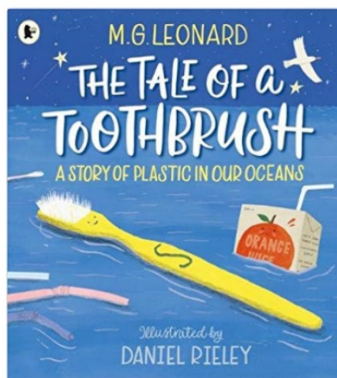
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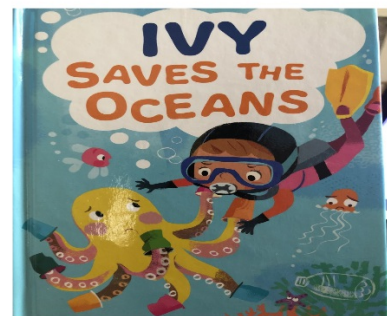
We spoke about what could be included in our information posters.

What are you going to include?





These stories explored plastic pollution.

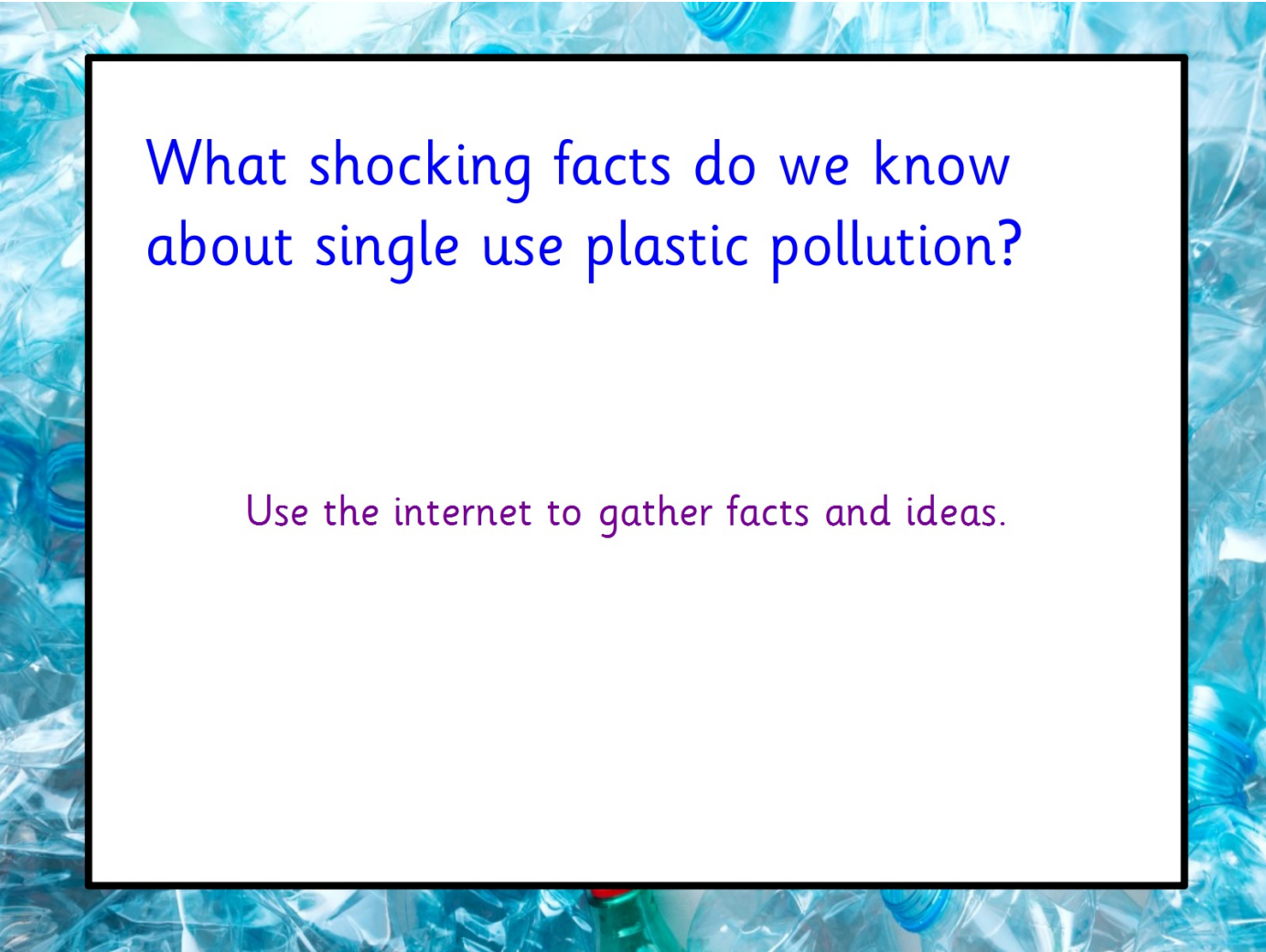


We could direct people to read them by giving a mini book review.

Who is he? Why is he so important?



We could tell people about him and what he is doing to save the oceans from plastic.



What shocking facts do we know about single use plastic pollution?

Use the internet to gather facts and ideas.



What swaps/ changes could we make?



Here's my poster

How is plastic destroying our oceans?

Since the 1950s, around 8.3 billion tons of plastic have been dumped worldwide. It has become such a huge problem and is destroying our beautiful planet. Plastic is killing more than 1 million seabirds and animals every year.



1 million seabirds with plastic.
1 million animals worldwide is plastic.



Sir David Attenborough

"Nowhere is more powerful and unspoiled and more beautiful and endlessly fascinating than the ocean" Sir David Attenborough is sure that people, young and old, can be educated on our impact upon the planet.

Wonderful stories.

There are many great stories to educate us on the impact of plastic waste but this one is my favourite. It is about a young girl called Ivy who sees the oceans being destroyed by single use plastics so she vows to make changes and help save the planet.



Your turn

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