

Protect Oceans

Ms. Mariposa and her class are learning about ecosystems and how all the living and nonliving things in the ocean are important to keep the ocean healthy. Today, they are watching a video about what happens when the ocean isn't healthy.

Plastic and other trash is becoming a big problem in the oceans.

Sometimes, plastic looks like food to animals. Animals can get tangled in it or eat it and die.

Trash washes up on the sand and is bad for humans and other animals that live near the shore too.

The kids in Ms. Mariposa's class don't like what they see, so they agree they want to do something to get involved. But what can they do?

Maddie has an idea. She can stop using plastics, like water bottles, drinking straws, plastic bags, and food containers.

Maddie and Peter make a list of the things they can use instead: reusable water bottles and lunch boxes, paper straws, and tote bags for groceries.

Enrique and Rosie want to help, too. They decide to help Ms. Mariposa organize a field trip to clean up a beach nearby. They want to make sure no animals think trash is food.

Kiara and Oliver also have an idea. They want to share what they know with their school and community.

They decide to make posters to hang around the school with phrases like "say no to plastic."

Principal Lively is so impressed with everything the class has done, he decides to help on the field trip, too!

What will you do to help protect the oceans?
