

# Summer (1) 2019

## The Big Question ?

What do you think about the use of plastics in our world?

Thank you to 4B for making us aware of the big responsibility we have to look after our world.

Plastic is really useful and we use it every day. But what happens after we throw it away is causing a big problem for our planet.

It's thought more than five trillion pieces of plastic are in the world's oceans and it can take years for it to break down.

The problem with plastic is that most of it isn't **biodegradable**. It doesn't rot, like paper or food, so instead it can hang around in the environment for hundreds of years.

Each year, 400 million tonnes of plastic is produced and 40% of that is single-use – plastic we'll only use once before it's binned.

Have a look here for more information <http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42810179>

All people have the right to safe drinking water, sanitation, shelter and basic services.

These are the rights of all children...

*Article 17 Children have the right to reliable information from the mass media. Television, radio, and newspapers should provide information that children can understand, and should not promote materials that could harm children*

*Article 24 Children have the right to good quality health care, to clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment, so that they will stay healthy. Rich countries should help poorer countries achieve this.*

*Article 27 Children have a right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs. The Government should help families who cannot afford to provide this.*

# **ACTION: What can we do?**

# May 2019 REPORT

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### *What do you think about the use of plastics in our world?*

At lunch times the Rights respecting ambassadors took it in turns to interview the children and gather their responses to our 'Big question'. They confidently verbalized their opinions and gave the reasons for their views. Here is cross section of the responses.

Heidi 5S: "I think we should stop producing plastic. The more we make the more we will throw into our oceans."

Mrs Haran: "When it was first discovered it was an amazing material but now it is over exploited!"

Evelyn 4Q: "I think it is devastating what it is doing to our world."

Jasmine 6C: "We need to reduce, reuse, recycle!"

Isabella 5B: "If we don't do something now our oceans will be a plastic landfill!"

Brianna 6V: "No to single use plastic!"

Jessica 4Q: "I think that the plastic in our environment is killing the creatures in our oceans."

Jacob 5S: "It is very sad. It is killing the fish in our seas."

Brooke 5S: "I think it is unsafe because the marine animals are dying every day."

Year 3 Group: "We live in a **plastic** world, and have done for decades. We throw it away without a thought."

Year 4 Group: "Plastic pollution is large amount of **plastic** objects in the Earth's environment that affects wildlife, wildlife habitat, and humans. It can kill!"

### **FACTS**

About one trillion single-use **plastic** bags are **used** annually across the globe. That's nearly 2 million every minute. More than half a billion **plastic** straws are **used** every **day** around the world.

Plastic waste is one of many types of wastes that take too long to decompose. Normally, plastic items can take up to **1000 years** to decompose in landfills. But plastic bags we use in our everyday life take 10-**1000 years** to decompose, while plastic bottles can take **450 years** or more!!!!!!!!!!!!!!