

# Recycle Week



## 1. As the pupils enter

Have the webpage open:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-recycle-week-plastic-pollution-recycling/zqscvwx>

Play your chosen music and display the image of rubbish on a beach:

[http://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/schoolradio/assemblies/images/plastic\\_pollution.jpg](http://teach.files.bbci.co.uk/schoolradio/assemblies/images/plastic_pollution.jpg)

## 2. Introduction

Display the image of rubbish on a beach and encourage pupils to identify different items. How many different plastic objects can they spot? What else do they think is there? Ask: **How do you think all these things got to the beach?** Gather pupils' responses and establish that, unless we take care, a lot of what we throw away finally ends up in the sea. Much of this rubbish, especially plastic, will stay around for hundreds of years unless we do something about it. Introduce the video.

## 3. Play the video

Play the video. The duration is 2' 29" and the final words are: 'And of course, recycle whenever you can.'

## 4 & 5. Time to talk

Tell the assembly: **Newsround reports that we use more than 35 million plastic bottles in the UK every day. If that's correct, how many plastic bottles would that add up to in one year?**

Invite pupils to use a calculator to work out the answer. They may find their answer is too big a number to be displayed in the usual way. Experts think that only around half of these bottles ever get recycled. Ask your calculator-bearing pupils to divide their enormous number by two: it's still an enormous number!

Tell the assembly: **Many of these bottles may get used lots of times, so we can't be sure of the exact number of bottles we just use once. But clearly, we can do better.**

Lead a discussion by posing questions such as: **Why is recycling so important? / What stops people recycling things? / Why do we throw so much stuff away? / How can we get everyone to recycle more?** Tell the pupils about Recycle Week: seven days in September when we take some time to think about recycling, why it's important and what we can do to be better recyclers. Ask: **Is there something you could do to help recycle plastic or to reduce plastic waste?** Encourage pupils to suggest things they could do to.

# Play video



## 6. Time to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song.

## 7. Opportunity to reflect

*Our world is full of beauty...full of animals...and trees...and plants...and great wide oceans...*

*But it is fragile too and easily damaged...*

*Today, let's all think of ways to keep our beautiful planet healthy and unpolluted, for the animals and plants and children of tomorrow...*

## 8. Opportunity for prayer

Use your standard form of address ('Dear God', etc) and:

*'We thank you for our beautiful world, with its animals and trees and plants and great wide oceans.*

*We know it is fragile and easily damaged.*

*Help us today to find ways to keep our beautiful world healthy and unpolluted, for the animals and plants and children of tomorrow. Amen.'*