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Can you read that number? It's 5 million. 5 million pieces of putrid plastic entering our precious oceans every day! Isn't that just awful? It suffocates sea life digging deep into their scales, cutting brutal scars that traumatise their aquatic friends for life. As you read, 10 pieces of plastic have just crawled into the ocean. In the UK alone , 35 million plastic bottles slither and slide into the ocean every 24 HOURS!

You'll be astonished to know that in every square mile of our glittering ocean lurks 46,000 intoxicating pieces of plastic! Horrifyingly, 100,000 oceanic marine life suffocate annually - not good! They are enticed by a malicious murderer, this poisonous pollutant - his name?

Plastic.

It's a lethal army seeping and creeping, winding and weaving, its sharp edges scarring each and every crevasse of the ocean. The option to biodegrade swims along but does it listen? No. No it doesn't at all. Carrying on relentlessly, as it tortures with a toxic tone. It pounces on innocent marine life and squeezes their necks until they choke out organs. Turns lights out all over the ocean until it's left as a grey, gloomy gloop of lifeless corpses. Watching, waiting. Who knows, it might come for us next

All schools were urged to discontinue usage of single-use plastic by Damian Hinds in 2018. Water is a vital part of the ecosystem, absorbing 50% of the world's carbon dioxide. Without a functioning ocean, fossil fuel fumes and deforestation will become unmanageable. Our botanical beauty, gone forever. In our bins today, flowing into our environment

tomorrow and, before you know it, it's in our seas with a rifle ready to shoot!

But how many bullets can the fish take until we finally stop this death raid tragedy ?!

The problem is an immense tidal wave: swallowing, encompassing, drowning. We all know plastic can be mesmerising, giving us medical syringes and surgical wonders that heal magically; sadly though, the majority of this single-use terror is a vast spread of our own carelessness. It must change! From manufacturers to markets, we need to create a ripple of action, hopefully leading to a tsunami of superb solutions !

Close your eyes and imagine a soft warm breeze of a clean, sugar white beach, your toes sinking gently into the silky, golden sand. The crystal clear sea glistening with waves of teal. All is still. Fluffy seafoam rippling lightly over your feet, the water pleasantly warm as you wade deeper with the soft trickling of it in your ear. The sun is setting as you stare into the clear pink and orange sky. Bliss.

Now imagine coral cities bursting with aquatic life as the fish swim busily, the reflection of the dazzling blue waters sprinkling the floor with glittering sparkles. Mesmerising tropical fish making bubbles of approval in the clean water. glowing as the sunsets. A shoal of angelfish singing harmonies that symphonise with the creatures up above as the sea echoes with their glorious tune. Imagine.

Miss McConnell, as the sea life suffers, we plead for your consent to be a single-use plastic free school! It would help innocent marine life take down this plastic take over. We can make signs to give to other schools - make a community. We could name it and it would be a project like no other! Pictures of schools gathering for a litter pick in their villages, getting newspapers attention! We can, I repeat, CAN make a difference!

We aim to abolish it by: wiping it from our walls, clearing it from the canteen, and discontinuing it from our displays. We aim to lecture learners of our generation and become helping heroes! Master our mission of annihilating plastic. Together we can fix this dilemma!

We may not have the power to stand for Parliament or choose what we study, but we can stand up.....and stand up is what we'll do! Inside, we have a strong warrior ready to be unleashed as a loud voice. This is our world, our generation, our future. Adults can't stop us from making a point. So let's stand in unison and let our voices be heard as we defeat plastic for once and for all!

You are the only lighthouse in this sea of dilemma.

We are the whole of the horn on the ship of change. Control by the children, influence the infants. To the pupils!