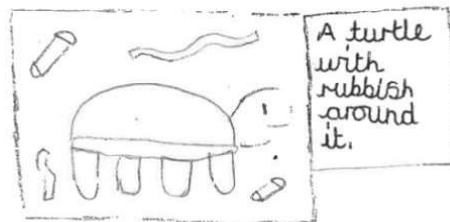
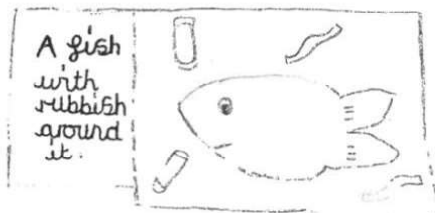


Pupil C – Piece A: a leaflet

Context: after studying the effects of plastic pollution using information texts, a range of websites, newspaper reports and David Attenborough's 'Blue Planet', the pupils were asked to collect information, statistics and facts to construct a piece of writing. The purpose could be to persuade, inform, discuss or a combination of these. They were also asked to choose the audience for the writing from a list drawn up by the class. This pupil chose to target families.

Plastic - Friend or Foe?

Can you imagine a world without plastic? Plastic has been in use for over seventy years. It is used in our every-day lives. Our wonder material, plastic, can be used to make almost any thing. However, this is killing animals and harming the environment. Every minute, a truck load of plastic enters the ocean. Take a minute to think... is plastic our friend or our foe?



The wonder material!

Since this material is versatile and easy to manufacture, it is used regularly. If we took all the plastic we use away we would struggle to live our daily lives. Just think... how many things do you use that contain plastic? A lot isn't it? How many plastic toys do you have at your house? This material can be reused and constructed to make more objects. Plastic saves lives in many medicines and machines.

What are the down sides?!

Plastic takes a long time to decompose. Surprisingly, plastic

does not actually decompose fully, it only breaks down into little particles called micro-plastics. How do you think this affects the sealife and its habitat? Firstly, birds are mistaking plastic for food and then they are feeding their young plastic. Secondly, ~~there~~^{their} young are dying as this is going into their blood stream. Think about a world with no birds. I bet you can't, can you? Did you know, over sixteen million single-use plastic bottles are used every day alone in the UK? That is lots isn't it! Plastic can be found in some unexpected places: in your food, in your clothes and in hospitals. Enjoy chewing gum? Some chewing gums contain plastic! Would you believe, over 90% of a beach is plastic, however only 10% is sand, rocks and pebbles. We need to stop this.

How can we combat this huge problem?

How can we help prevent this problematic material from ruining our planet? How about encouraging other people to use less plastic? I think that would be a great idea. We would write like a team and try to combat this from happening. There are lots of ways we can help: recycle; put paper, card and clean plastics in a recycling bin;