**Writing about Plastic Pollution**

**Key Stage One**

**NC references**

Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:

* writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
* writing about real events
* writing poetry
* writing for different purposes

**Learning objectives**

To discuss and explain the need to reduce the use of plastic

To explain ideas in writing

**Teaching ideas**

Plastic pollution presents a wealth of opportunities for writing. Allow children to look at a range of images that contain plastic pollution: a ‘trash island’ in the ocean, piles of plastic litter on the beach or, if appropriate, pictures of animals that have been hurt by plastic pollution. Children could also watch the Kids Against Plastic video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TLQN2Y4v1bI> and collate facts, figures and ideas about plastic pollution.

Here are some ideas for writing:

Poetry

Children could write acrostic poetry about plastic pollution or they might write about protecting our oceans with minimising plastic pollution as a focus.

Diamante poems take the following structure and could be used to describe one subject or 2 opposing subjects:

Noun

2 adjectives

3 verbs

4 nouns

3 verbs

2 adjectives

Noun

Persuasive posters

Children could persuade people to ‘Save the Oceans’ or ‘Reduce Plastic Use’, writing commands and using a range of punctuation to tell people how to reduce plastic pollution.

Persuasive letter

Choose a focus for persuasion: write to other classes to persuade them to bring reusable water bottles to school, persuade the Head teacher to reduce plastic use in school or inform people about the dangers of plastic pollution.

Newspaper article

Write about the harm the plastic pollution is causing, offering simple commands at the end for how people can reduce their use of single-use plastic.

**Resources**

Diamante poem examples

Plastic pollution images

**Next steps**

Present writing to the intended audience

Use writing to launch a school or community-wide litter pick

**Diamante poems**

**Poems can have one subject:**

ocean

blue, cool

rolling, crashing, splashing

whales, dolphins, seals, fish

diving, searching, gliding

salty, deep

ocean

**or two opposing subjects**

plastic

useful, bright

holding, wrapping, carrying

bottle, bag, cup, straw

dropping, throwing, wasting

dirty, harmful

pollution