

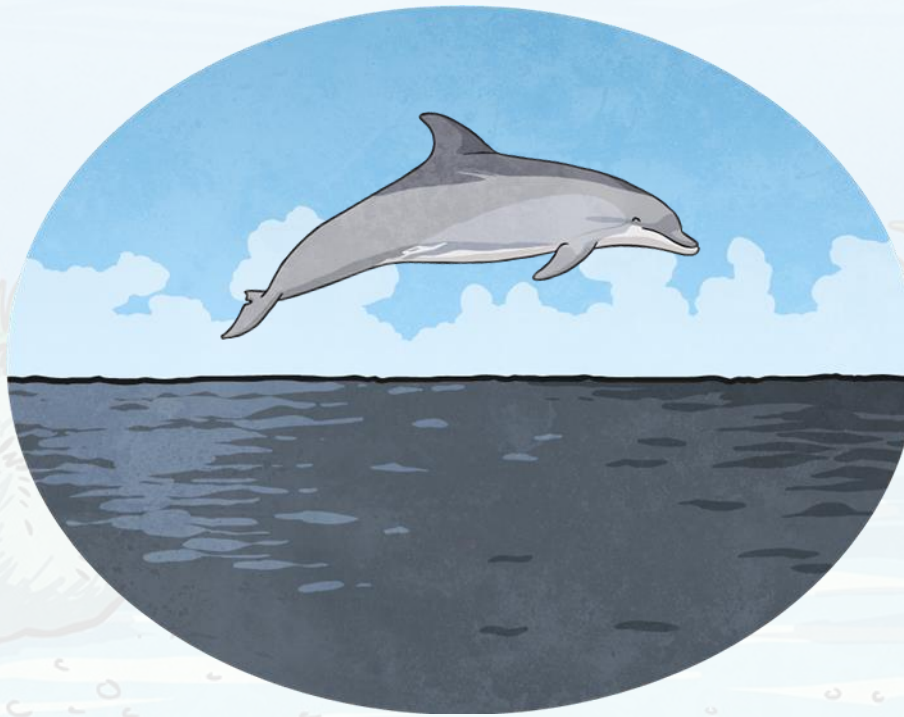
World Oceans Day

Theme: Prevent plastic pollution and encourage solutions for a healthy ocean.

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World Oceans Day is held on 8th June each year.

This year's theme is **Prevent plastic pollution and encourage solutions for a healthy ocean.**



Did You Know?

70% of the Earth's surface is covered by water.

The world has five major oceans:

- Atlantic Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Pacific Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Indian Ocean



Our Oceans, Our Future

This year's theme focuses on trying to prevent marine litter, especially plastic pollution.



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Plastic Pollution

26 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the world's oceans every year.

This causes problems for many creatures in our oceans.



Ocean Creatures

Our plastic waste causes painful injuries or even death to many sea creatures.



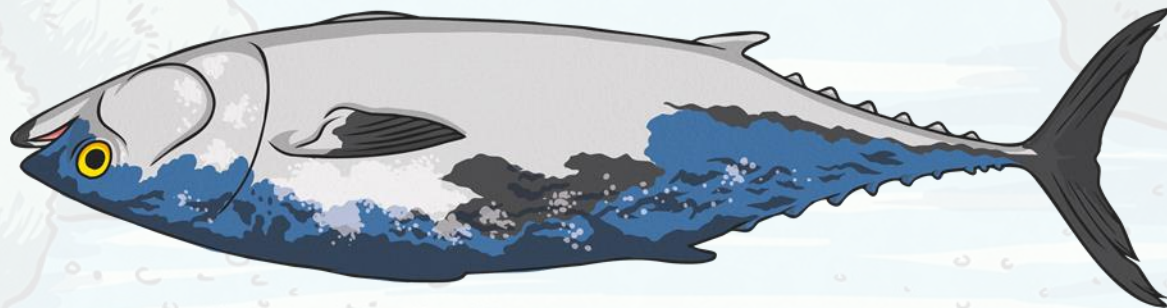
Plastic lasts hundreds of years, so the danger stays around for that long too.

Overfishing

One of the other biggest problems facing the oceans of the world is overfishing. This means too many sea creatures are being caught in relation to the number that are born.



Some species of sea creatures are in danger of becoming extinct because of it and the balance of the ocean is under threat.



Climate Changes

The oceans of our world soak up some of the Earth's heat and help to spread this heat more equally around the globe.

As global temperatures rise as a result of global warming, so do the temperatures of our oceans.



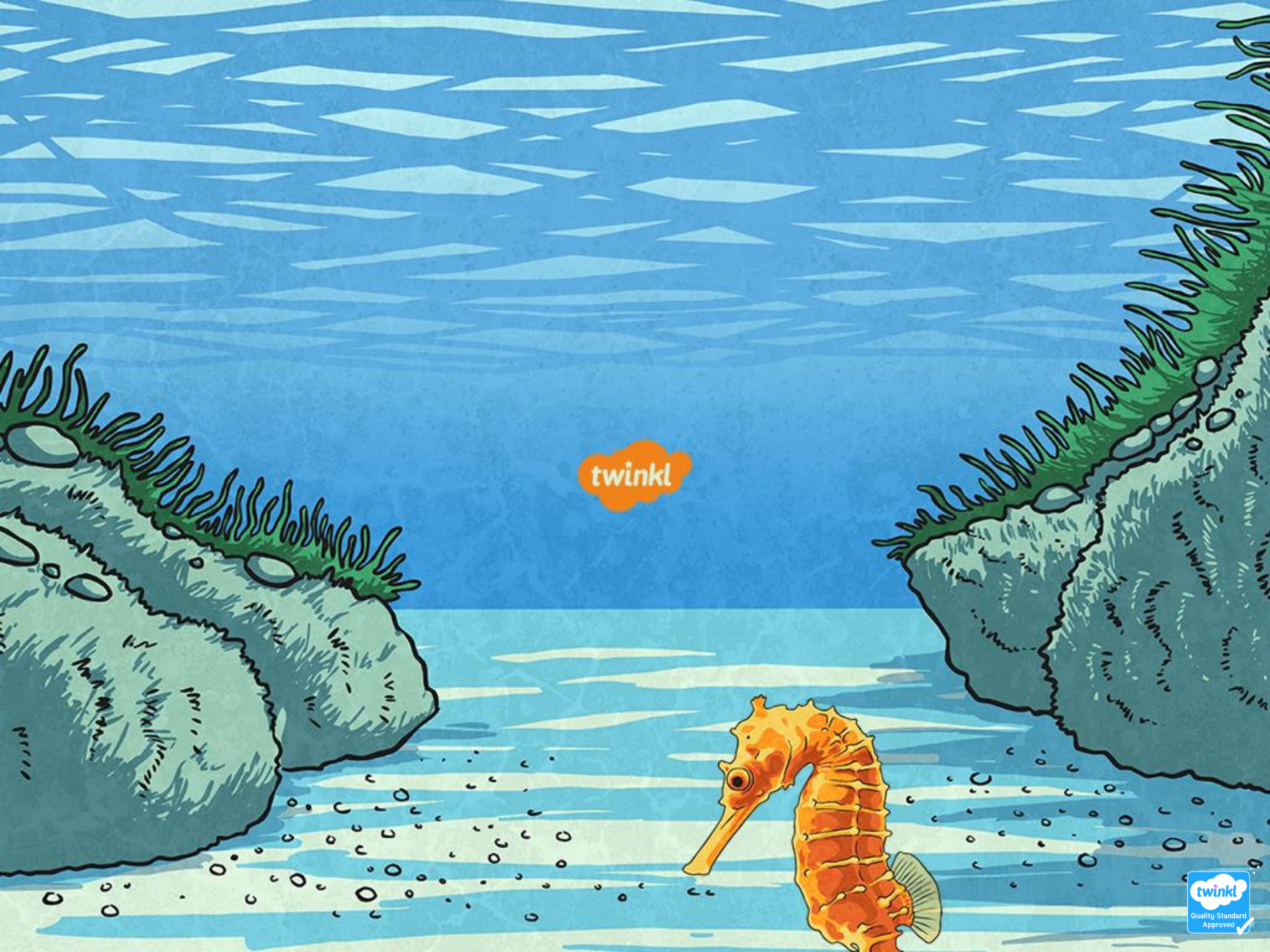
These rises in temperatures have a bad impact on sea creatures across the world.

What Can We Do?

- How can you reduce your use of plastic or recycle what you do use?
- People using lots of energy causes climate change. How can you reduce the amount of energy you use?

Think about how you can do this at home and in school.





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