

WORLD OCEAN DAY – IDEAS BANK

A continuous collection of classroom and whole school ideas to explore the importance of oceans, marine life and environmental responsibility. Suitable across primary and secondary phases.

About World Ocean Day

- Celebrated on 8 June
- Recognised internationally to raise awareness about the importance of oceans
- Oceans produce more than half of the world's oxygen and support vast ecosystems
- The day highlights issues such as plastic pollution, climate change and marine conservation
- It encourages people, communities and schools to protect marine environments

Whole School / All Through Ideas

- Introduce the day in assembly by exploring why oceans are important for life on Earth
- Watch a short documentary clip about marine life and discuss key messages
- Create a whole school display about ocean ecosystems
- Discuss the impact of plastic pollution on oceans and wildlife
- Explore how oceans influence weather, climate and food systems
- Create a school pledge to reduce plastic waste
- Reflect on how individual actions affect the environment
- Link ocean themes to subjects across the curriculum

Primary Ideas

- Create colourful artwork inspired by ocean animals
- Build simple ocean food chains using drawings or cards
- Design posters encouraging people to protect the oceans
- Write a short story about an underwater adventure
- Learn about different marine animals and create fact files
- Explore how plastic waste can harm sea life
- Create a classroom display about ocean habitats
- Draw maps showing where major oceans are located

Secondary Ideas

- Investigate the causes and consequences of plastic pollution in oceans
- Analyse data on ocean temperatures, biodiversity or pollution levels
- Debate who should take responsibility for protecting marine environments
- Research endangered marine species and conservation efforts
- Explore the role of oceans in regulating climate
- Conduct a school audit of plastic use and propose solutions
- Create awareness campaigns about reducing ocean pollution
- Investigate how human activities such as fishing and shipping impact marine ecosystems

Cross Curricular Links

- Science, marine ecosystems, biodiversity and environmental change
- Geography, oceans, climate systems and global environments
- English, persuasive writing and environmental communication
- Maths, analysing environmental data and trends
- Art, ocean themed artwork and environmental messaging
- Citizenship, environmental responsibility and global action