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DID YOU KNOW...?



It is against the law to drop litter in a public place.

Chewing gum is the worst kind of litter as it sticks around for ever – literally.

Not only is litter bad for the planet, it's also bad for animals! Everyday items such as cans and plastic bottles can be deadly for unsuspecting wildlife.

Recycling one can of fizzy drink could save enough energy to run a fourteen-watt light bulb for twenty hours, a computer for three hours or a TV for two hours.

Cigarettes are the most littered item on earth, with 4500 billion cigarette butts thrown onto streets across the globe every year.

Plastic waste is particularly harmful to underwater life. There is now so much plastic in the sea that by 2050 the ocean could contain more plastic than fish!

Waste should ideally be reused or recycled. Using materials again helps save the Earth's resources.

If that's not possible, waste should always be put in a bin.



Do you know any other facts about litter?







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One thing to remember when trying to limit how much you throw away is to reduce, reuse and recycle! There are many things we can all do to help:

Try to reduce how much you put in the bin. Using a reusable water bottle, instead of disposable plastic ones, can help reduce how much plastic you use everyday.

Reusing can also limit how much waste ends up in a landfill. You can reuse the same plastic bags each time you go shopping and make sure you use both sides of paper when drawing or making notes.

Check at home to see what you can recycle where you live. Help separate your rubbish into plastics, cardboard, glass, food waste and paper. Then make sure to put it in the right bin at home and at school.



What else could you do to reduce, reuse and recycle?



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Design your own rocket to take you to the Wishing Star. What special features does it have? What colour should it be? What is it made of?

Draw your rocket below, and then why not try building it out of recycled material, like Katy, Zia and Cassie did?



Here's a photo of a recycled rocket made by the author, Emma Beswetherick!

