

# School Plastics Challenge Assembly

The Canal & River Trust look after 2,000 miles of canals and rivers.

### Why are litter and plastics so bad?

- Hangs around in the environment for hundreds, maybe even thousands of years.
- Danger to animals
- Damages boats and locks
- Travels out to the sea





### Plastics in the ocean



### More than half a million items of

plastics litter reach the oceans from our canals and rivers every year!



### What can we do about it?



One of the best ways to reduce the amount of plastics litter is to...

### not produce rubbish in the first place.

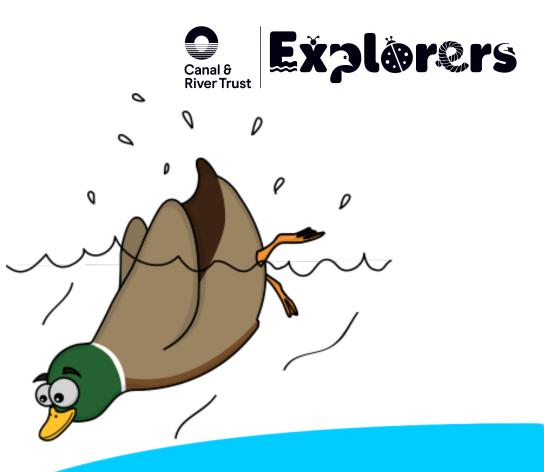
## But how?

### A plastics quiz

Let's find out how much you know

about plastics and recycling with

the Canal & River Trust quiz...





Which of these items can you **NOT** put in the recycling bin?

- 1. Newspaper
- 2. Crisp packet
- 3. Tinfoil



# Which of these items does **NOT** contain plastic?

- 1. Drinks can
- 2. Tea bag
- 3. Wet wipe

What does this packaging symbol mean?

- 1. The packet **cannot** be recycled
- 2. The packet **can** be recycled
- 3. The packet can be **composted**







Worldwide, how many plastic bags are used every minute?

- 1. 1,000
- 2. 100,000
- 3. 1 million





Which of these items takes the longest to decompose?

- 1. Plastic bottle
- 2. Plastic bag
- 3. Drinks carton





# Of all the litter in all the world, how much of it is in the sea?

- 1. 50%
- 2. 80%
- 3. 25%

### **Great Work!**



# Well done – you've completed the quiz. **Keep up the great work!**

Website: canalrivertrust.org.uk/explorers Facebook: Canal & River Trust - Explorers Twitter: @CRTExplorers

Charity no. 1146792