



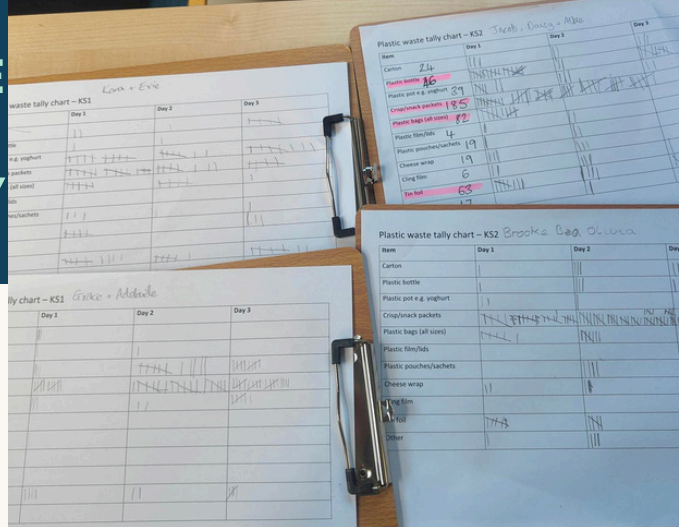
# AGENTS OF CHANGE PLASTIC SURVEY

## Ocean-Friendly Schools Award

When our Agents of Change group first met, we took a democratic vote to decide on our project for this year. The majority of us felt that **the oceans needed our help** so we signed up to the Marine Conservation Society: Ocean-Friendly Schools Award. **Clean up our seas** was the theme we chose to help us achieve the award. Then we had a series of steps to complete.

On Step 2 we carried out a survey looking at single-use plastic in our lunch boxes.

Plastic item	Total Number
Crisp/snack packets	185
Plastic bags of all sizes	82
Single-use bottles	46



Our results show that children are creating a lot of plastic waste that cannot be recycled, such as crisp and other snack packets. We have come up with some suggestions for swaps that we would like you to consider in future packed lunches.

I think you could buy sharing bags of crisps then transfer them into pouches or tubs for lunch.



Why not ditch the unhealthy snacks and bring fruit or veg instead?

Don't buy bottled drinks! Fill up re-usable bottles with water instead. It will save you money too!



Great Pacific Garbage Patch



Beautiful coral reef

### Why does plastic cause such a problem?

Out of all the litter in our oceans, 80% of it is made of plastic. Even if you don't live by the sea, your litter will still end up there as it is blown into rivers and then carried to the coasts. Did you know there is an area in the Pacific Ocean that is 3 times the size of France called the Great Pacific Garbage Patch. It is filled with 1.8 trillion pieces of plastic! This plastic can have a devastating impact on all of our beautiful sea creatures.

### How do our oceans help us?

Over 50% of the oxygen we breathe comes from the oceans! The ocean plays an important role in the water cycle. Furthermore, the oceans are vital in our fight against climate change as marine habitats help to store carbon.