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# ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

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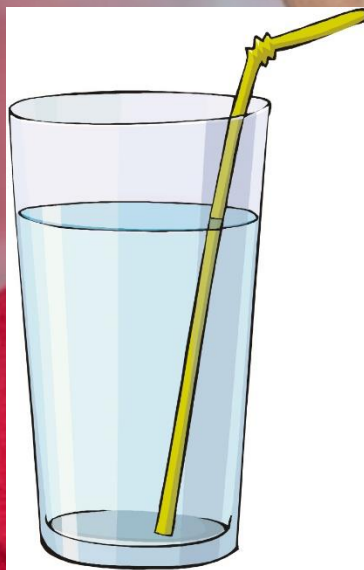
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# EXPLORING WORLD WATER DAY

Take a glass of water. It looks ordinary but is actually very special because we all need water to stay alive. Think about all the times water is important to you in your day, like on a hot day after you have been playing.

Why do you think that the right to clean water is such an important right?

**List as many reasons as you can, share with a friend and then compare with the next slide.**





Keeping clean



Our bodies need a lot of water to keep them healthy



We need water to flush our toilet



Washing our clothes



Water is a clean source of power





Water and Wetlands provide a home or habitat for plants and animals



Our oceans, rivers and lakes need to be free from pollution (rubbish) to protect the plants and creatures that live there.



# EXPLORING WORLD WATER DAY

## Did you think of these?

- Our bodies are made up of over 60% water and we need clean water to keep them working properly and to stay alive.
- Drinking dirty, unsafe water can cause serious illnesses.
- In some communities, children miss out on their education because they must spend time collecting water.
- We need water for washing ourselves and for keeping our clothes and homes clean.
- A good water supply is important for good sanitation and flushing our toilets.
- Not having access to clean water makes it harder to be healthy and have a decent standard of living.
- Water and wetlands provide important habitats for plants and animals.
- Pollution of our oceans, rivers and waterways can have a serious impact on all living things.
- Water is important to generate power in some places and it is a better for the environment than burning fossil fuels.

## What else did you think of?



# LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES

This week's activities link to Articles 24 and 27:

## Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, **clean water**, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

## Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



# Thomas and Friends learn about clean water

Team up with **Thomas and Friends** to learn about the importance of clean water and Global Goal 6: clean water and sanitation for all. Talk about what we can all do to make sure we don't waste water and also to help keep rivers and oceans clean.

<https://youtu.be/9dOAmnr7Yho>

## Steven's Story

- <https://youtu.be/fqvGWv4cl6Q>
- Vulnerable groups of children, are often the worst affected by lack of proper WASH services.
- In Malawi, 14-year-old Steven had to walk almost two kilometres from his house to collect water from a murky well, and was often too sick or tired to go to school. A solar powered tap installed by UNICEF in 2021, allows 14-year-old Steven to safely collect water near his home.
- "I felt relieved. Now I could go to school early and concentrate on the lessons instead" Steven Mariko



# World Water Day

## Challenge

What can you do at home and at school to help save water?

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> was World Water Day.

We all know that water is vital for everyone in their daily lives across the world, and back in 2015 the world committed to working together to make sure that everyone has access to safe, clean water and good sanitation.

This was Sustainable Development Goal 6.

But there is still much work to be done with over 2 billion people drinking unsafe water.

An important aim of World Water Day is to inspire everyone to take action and make the necessary changes so that the right to clean water can be achieved by 2030 for everyone.

Saving water can help to save money and also takes less water from our rivers and estuaries, which helps keep the environment healthy. Research some water saving tips for your school and create posters to display in key areas such as the toilets, kitchens and sink areas in classrooms to encourage others to save water too.







<https://youtu.be/pUkj3uwCPSE> - Be the hummingbird

Make a 'water diary' over a day or week, writing down all the times you use water and in what ways.

Can you work out roughly how many litres you use for different things?

Across the world, many children have to walk for miles each day collecting water.

Work out how heavy it would be if you had to carry the water you use each day from a pump to your home.





# REFLECTION

Think about dropping a pebble into a pond. Imagine the ripples gently spreading outwards through the water.



Now imagine that your action to raise awareness of the importance of the right to clean water is that pebble and the ripples are the positive effects of your action.

Think about what your action might be...



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Dareen, Al Khada School in Jordan

- We are going to hold a Walk for Water day – you can help to raise money by walking around the playground carrying water bottles just like Steven.
- You can make a hummingbird and learn about them.
- You can make a water diary.



School in Faizabad, Afghanistan

