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# INTRODUCING WORLD WATER DAY

Steven Kidd, RRSA Professional Adviser, introduces World Water Day



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## World Water Day

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> is 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.





# 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.





# EXPLORING WORLD WATER DAY

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.**



# 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?



# PRIMARY ACTIVITIES



You do not need to complete every activity but if you have time, you can try to complete more than one.

One of the best ways to prevent the spread of germs and illnesses is by washing your hands with clean water and soap. [Watch these step-by-step instructions](#) for good handwashing and then practice it by miming the actions with a friend.

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. Draw pictures of you or your friends enjoying 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.



Each year World Water Day identifies a theme. Take a look at the [World Water Day website](#) to find out what this year's theme is. Make a poster or display to promote it and decide on one action that you will take. Can you link the theme to Articles 24 and 27?

# PRIMARY ACTIVITIES 2

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[Watch this fun story](#) about Whale making her way home to the ocean. Can you think of other animals that live in the water? Pick one and create a fact file about it.



UNICEF works in lots of countries to make sure that children have access to clean water.

[Watch Stephen's story](#) and discuss what difference it makes for children when they have safe water taps and clean water.

How do we get clean water?  
[This video](#) from an Australian water company talks you through a great science experiment which will help you to see for yourself.



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.





# 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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