



#Glitterzappers campaign

My Recycled Classroom has launched its **#Glitterzappers** campaign in the run up to Christmas this year, with the view to encouraging schools, nurseries and other educational settings to ditch glitter and find alternative 'sparkle' for Christmas. Glitter is formed of microplastics that can find their way into our oceans. Research conducted by the University of Plymouth found microplastics in a third of UK-caught fish; microplastics also have now been found in 90 percent of table salt and unsurprisingly they've been discovered for the first time in humans too.

Glitter is obviously a very small part of the plastic problem the world is facing, but by ditching it we symbolically take a stand against polluting our planet, as well as making children aware of the environmental issues in a very relevant and accessible way.

My Recycled Classroom is inviting practitioners from Bertram's Nursery Group to share their experiences of going 'glitter-free' to try to encourage others to do the same. We'd love to share your ideas for Christmas activities and your children's work to show others that you can still have sparkle without plastic glitter. We'll also be sharing our ideas that you might like to follow and have a go with your learners. You can find us on Twitter: @recycledclass or our Blog: myrecycledclassroom.org

Imagine if we could start a movement and get loads of schools and nurseries on-board?

Now that really would make a difference.

*With over 30 years combined experience in Early Years education, **My Recycled Classroom** formed after realising that there was an urgent need for educationalists and practitioners to have a serious rethink about the resourcing of their classrooms. We are currently establishing the UK's first fully recycled classroom in South East London. We work with and support Early Years settings to tackle the plastic problem head-on: to change mindsets and improve educational outcomes for young children.*