



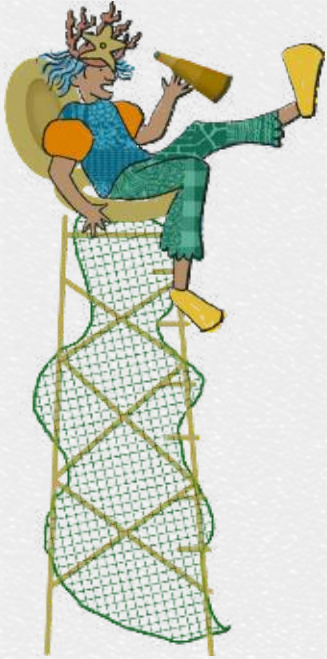
# PLOP!

in the  
OCEAN

## Resource Pack

Activities to support your learners to better understand the environment and the power of storytelling





## about the story – Plop! in the Ocean:

Demeter goddess of the harvest is having a bad day and all she wants is some peace and quiet; but there is too much noise, pollution and plastic!

Her good friend Poseidon god of the sea means well, but isn't helping. So, Demeter sends him on a quest to find the treasure deep within himself. Poseidon returns with more than she bargained for ...but it might just save the planet.

While it has a serious message that we are sure will be an excellent starting point for further exploration in classrooms and at home; it is also lots of fun with upbeat songs, slapstick comedy and larger than life costumes.

## about the writer: Sarah Mooney

Sarah is an award-winning storyteller with over twenty years of experience. She started her storytelling career at the National Portrait Gallery and has subsequently been a storyteller in residence with Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books, the National Trust and the Roald Dahl Foundation. In 2016, she was appointed the Bard of Glastonbury.

Mooney's stories focus on a deep connection with our environment and works closely with schools and local community groups to grow an appreciation of the natural world and help them understand the dangers it faces. "I tell stories so we can be free from the stories that bind us and create a new mythology that is in alignment with the dreams our ancestors had for us."



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## A Letter from the stars

Hello. Hello. Hello. Welcome, you all made it, you're all here, in the Portal of Ancient Dreaming. This is the place where all the dreams are dreamed. This is the place where all the wishes come alive. This is the place where, once, out in the cosmos someone dreamed of a beautiful world and that dream became our Earth. This is the place where once, our grandfathers and grandmothers dreamed of us. And we were dreamed alive. This is the place where every dream, every wish, every moment is listened to. And so, we're here, in this moment, in the great portal, to give our wishes to the earth and the sea.

## about the company: Hopscotch Theatre Company

Hopscotch has produced beloved creative learning performances and workshops for nursery, primary and assisted special needs schools in Scotland since 1988. Our productions are designed around positive and accessible narratives to give children new ways to interpret and think critically about the world around them.

Hopscotch Theatre Company stimulates children's imaginations to create their world, play with ideas, and believe in better. These are the foundations of what children need to become tomorrow's innovators, creators and passionate protectors of a better world.

## about the resource pack: what's inside

Just like Poseidon, dive through the portal-ooo into a tailored pack of resources for your pupils.

The Plop! Resource Pack provides a range of activities for pupils to understand the production and some of the key themes and issues at the heart of the story through creative activities which can support your curriculum.

Activities within the resource pack are designed to be as eco-friendly as possible.





It's clear to see for me and you  
the passwords to the portal-ooo  
they're hiding somewhere for you to see  
it's your job to find where they may be.

Can you find these words in the puzzle?

POSEIDON

DEMETER

WHALE

PEACE

QUIET

POO

PLOP

OCEAN

GREEK

GOD

QUEST

STARS



## passwords from the portal-ooo

S	T	A	R	S	W	P	F	G
P	O	S	E	I	D	O	N	V
Y	H	J	T	I	G	O	D	M
Q	P	B	E	A	I	X	J	H
U	L	P	M	O	W	O	L	I
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T	S	E	A	L	M	A	Z	E
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G	R	E	E	K	C	B	G	T

How did you do? You check your answers on page 7

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Did you know that the props and costume in Plop! have all been sustainably sourced?

From Poseidon's mighty trident to our delightful bottlenose dolphin pal Dorian.

What magnificent ocean items can you make from things lying around at home or in the classroom!

Demeter the Goddess of Earth is all about finding ways to save our planet.

Let's see what you can make and bring into your classroom this year.



## recycled treasure pals

**Aim:** This is a creative task, supporting young people to unlock their imagination and explore how they can re-use and be sustainable in their own environment, at home or in the classroom.

**Activity:** Our pal Dorian the Dolphin and lot's of other things in Plop! are all made from recycled plastic and items - giving them all a magical second life in the show.

In small groups, pupils can collect bits of rubbish or items that might normally go into the bin and give it a second life - turning it into treasure.

Spend some time together making magical new friends for Poseidon and Demeter who can join them from your classroom on magical adventures - and encourage your pupils to get create: make, name and give your new friends a story and role in your classroom for the rest of the year.

Maybe you'll create Jamie the Jellyfish - the janitor of all of the pencils and pens; or Sarah the Seal - security seal for all of the arts and crafts!

**You might need:**

Plastic bottles, scrap paper, cereal boxes - or other things in the classroom or school which might be going to waste.

Be sure to bring materials to cut things, stick things and make things - you might need glue, scissors, pencils and pens.

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Myyyyy name's Poseidon

Listen here

Now let me share my new idea

Poseidon is ready and waiting to share his new ideas with all of you.

We all have ideas that we think could help to make the environment better for all of Demeter and Poseidon's friends.

So, let's bring some of your new ideas to life



## celebrate our new ideas

**Aim:** This is a creative task supporting young people to be creative, use music and art to imagine new ideas and begin considering the ways we can contribute towards a healthy planet.

**Activity:** Poseidon says it loud and says it clear and celebrates our new ideas - by singing of course!

In small groups, ask your pupils to come up with ideas that could help Demeter and Poseidon make the world more eco-friendly - this is a great opportunity to discuss what they have learnt from the show and how it makes them feel.

Set some time for your your people to get creative and make their new ideas - you might decided to draw, paint, or make some new ideas which could make a difference to saving the environment - maybe that's a portal-oo that turns rubbish into treasure or magic dungarees that soak up all of the ocean pollution - it could be anything!

Finally, why not sing the invention song together and give groups time to share their ideas with the rest of the class - and remember and celebrate together. You could pin these ideas up on an invention wall!

You might need:

Materials to cut things, stick things and make things - you might need glue, scissors, pencils and pens.

Be sure to check out our song's pack on the resource hub for the invention song lyrics

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No peaking before you start but you'll find all the answers here! How well did you do?

### passwords from the portal-ooo: the answers

- ~~POSEIDON~~
- ~~DEMETER~~
- ~~WHALE~~
- ~~PEACE~~
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- ~~POO~~
- ~~PLOP~~
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S	T	A	R	S	W	P	F	G
P	O	S	E	I	D	O	N	V
Y	H	J	T	I	G	O	D	M
Q	P	B	E	A	I	X	J	H
U	L	P	M	O	W	O	L	I
I	O	P	E	A	C	E	D	Q
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T	S	E	A	L	M	A	Z	E
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## keep in touch

We would love to see what activities you get up to!

You can share it with us by email on [info@hopscotchtheatre.com](mailto:info@hopscotchtheatre.com)

For any creative learning enquires, contact Creative Learning Producer, Stephanie on [stephanie@hopscotchtheatre.com](mailto:stephanie@hopscotchtheatre.com)

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