



## The Year of Coasts & Waters

### **Rubbish!**

This year we wanted to highlight that 80% of marine litter comes from the land and how it can be deadly to our wildlife in our countryside, rivers and seas. In February we organised a burn-bank litter pick collecting 15 bags of rubbish. The 'most unusual find' award went to a mouldy jar of pickled gherkins!!



In March we organised the Primary 4 annual Clean Up Scotland Litter Survey and pick of the school grounds and carpark. We have a growing army of Waste Warriors. Residents who pledge to keep an area of our town tidy in return for a litter picker funded by us. We also have a supply of pickers to lend out and these became very popular during Lockdown with many more locals borrowing them.

Using our own willow we ran several willow fish making sessions highlighting how our rubbish can end up in our oceans and the impact on wildlife. We worked with Channelkirk Primary, Lauderdale Beavers, Lauder Primary School's Eco-Club, Juniors & Seniors Club and Lauderdale Scouts. We created over 150 fish and in late summer we put the shoals on display at the school entrance and in one of our prominent flower beds.

