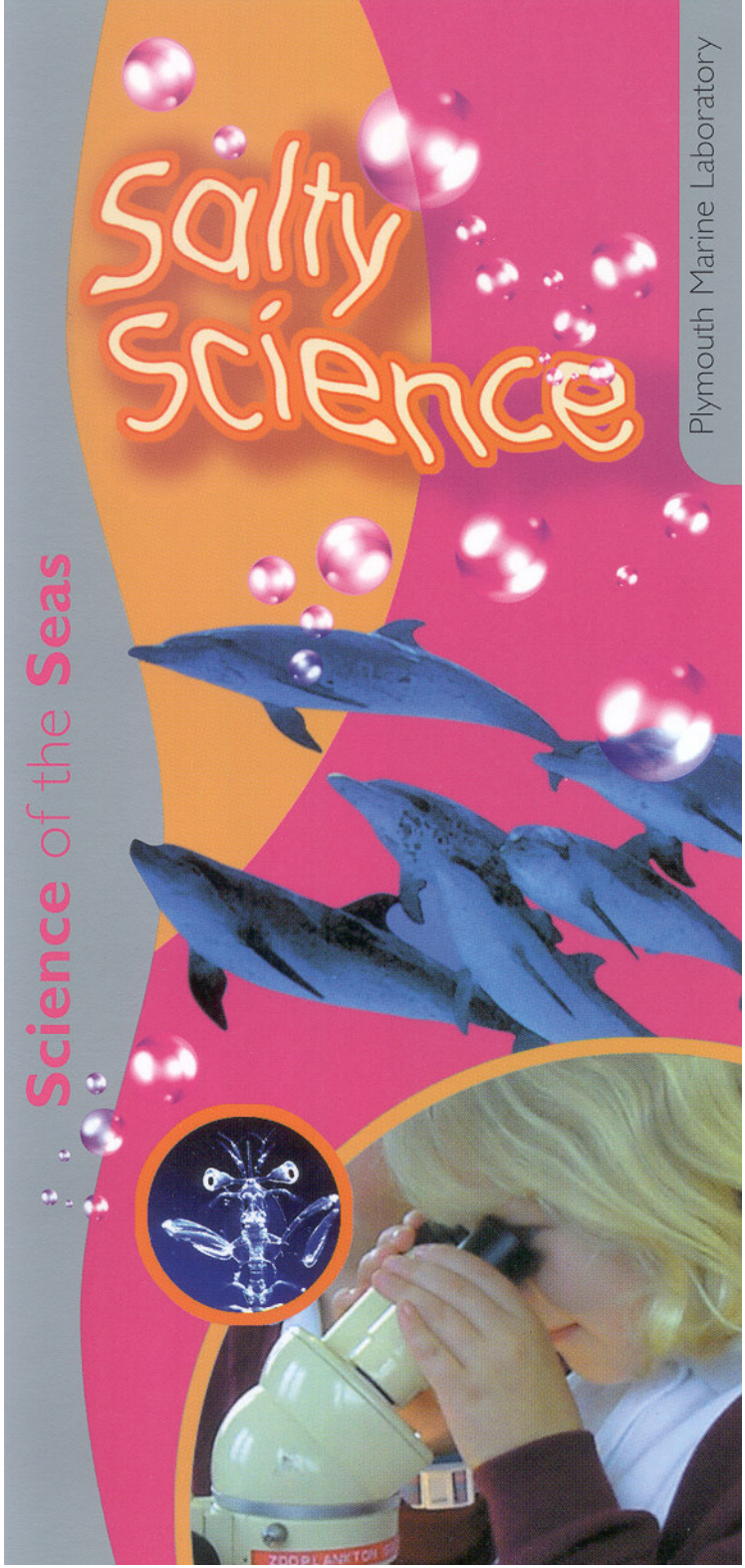


Science of the Seas

Salty Science

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Did you know?



The most abundant plants in the sea are microscopic, but when they are magnified they look amazing! Even the familiar marine animals, like starfish, live part of their life in the microscopic world of the plankton.

We threaten the health of the seas with pollution. But mussels on the seashore can help us monitor the levels of pollution if we check their health.

Half the population of the world lives near the sea and in many countries the sea provides the main food source. If the sea is sick, many young people and their families will suffer.

Science is exciting; learning new things about the sea is challenging and rewarding.

And....

The oceans cover two thirds of planet Earth, or should that be Planet Ocean?

We know more about the moon than our seas.

It is estimated that millions of species of marine organisms have not yet been discovered.

We can use satellites in space to detect the tiny, microscopic plant cells because there are so many of them (up to millions in an egg cup).



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