TAKEHOME

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In the news this week

Should wet wipes be banned?

An island of wet wipes has 'changed the course of the Thames' river in London. The island, thought to be around the size of two tennis courts, has prompted many campaigners to fight for them to be banned. Rebecca Pow, Under-Secretary at the Department for Environment, said that if members of the public need to use wet wipes, they should not flush them into the drains. Fleur Anderson, Labour MP, has warned that mounds of wet wipes and waste are changing the shape of rivers and polluting the water.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you use wet wipes? Can you think of different examples of situations when they are often used?
- Thinking about what people use wet wipes for, can you think of any alternative products that people could use?
- Do you think that people know that you shouldn't flush wet wipes? If not, how do you think people could be made aware?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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