

## Messages in a Bottle

As a young boy, John Muir had a very close relationship with his Grandfather, David Gilrye.

With him he learned to read and write, and developed his love of nature and wild places.

Back in 1849, when John went off on his voyage, there were no mobile phones or e-mail.

Some people used to write messages to loved ones, put them in a bottle and send them out to the sea.

Because of the air inside the bottles, the bottles could float and would often get washed up on a different shore with the messages still safe inside.

We could write messages to our friends, grandparents and other family members?



We could take a photo of the message and send it by e-mail?

Or we could collect a few messages in a bottle.

We could look forward to giving the bottle, as a lovely gift, later on, when we see our loved ones again?



We would never dream of putting ANYthing else in the sea. There is already a huge amount of pollution affecting our sea life.