

## Let's Recycle Together!



**Stage: 0-1**



**Time: 2-4 hours**

**Introduction:** Following our Spring Clean Week Live Lesson, we invite children to look at what is being thrown away in their school or nursery and make signs to help everyone recycle correctly.

### Curriculum links

**EXA** 0-1-02a, 1-03a, 0-1-04a, 0-1-05a, 0-1-06a, **SOC** 0-1-08a, **TCH** 0-1-06a

### What can we recycle?

Ask children to make a list of all the things that they think can be recycled. Below you can find a list of commonly recycled items to get you started.

- Paper / card
- Cans / tins / metal
- Hard plastics
- Soft plastics
- Food
- Clothes (clothes should only be recycled if they can't be swapped or repaired – see our Let's Get Swapping resource to help you plan a swap event)
- Batteries – try to buy rechargeable when replacing batteries

Check with your local waste service to find out which of the items on your children's list can be recycled via your waste collection service.

### Survey your bins

Invite children to look around your school / nursery and make a list of all the different bins available. Are there any items that you could recycle that there isn't a bin for? If so, is there anything in your school / nursery that you could repurpose to create a bin, or do you need to order any new bins?

Now it's time to check if you are recycling correctly. Invite children to have a look through the different bins available in your school / nursery. Identify any items that are in a general waste (landfill) bin that could be recycled in your school / nursery and any items that are in the wrong recycling bin. You could make a tally sheet to keep track of your findings.

### Make a poster / info sign to encourage correct recycling

Hopefully, you will now have enough bins to recycle all the items you can, and you know what is being recycled correctly and what is not. Now it's time to invite children to use their artistic skills and create new signs and / or posters explaining what needs to go in each bin. Adding pictures of what needs to go in each bin will be very helpful for this.

Make sure to share your new signs / posters with the whole school / nursery so everyone knows how to recycle correctly.

Repeat your bin survey after a month to see if your new signs / posters have been successful and make new ones if needed.