

Writing activity:

Can you imagine a world without plastic, Play Stations, mobile phones, electricity even?

These are all things which the children in Auchindrain never came across. Because their games were simple outdoor ones and their toys were mostly home made from things like cloth, wool, wood or clay, they have mostly disappeared.

We definitely leave much more trace behind us nowadays. Partly because we are wasteful and partly because many of the things in our lives are made of plastic, or similar man-made materials, which take so long to break down in the environment.

If you could look 100 years into the future and watch a class doing a lesson like this about your childhood, what would you expect them to find?

Imagine you are a teacher preparing a lesson like today's one for this future class.

- What do you hope they would find?
- What do you think they would be disappointed in?
- What do you think would surprise them?
- Would they be able to tell that many people were working very hard to try and look after our environment or would it be a bit like 'Wall-E' huge piles of rubbish?