

Literacy through topic

There will be many opportunities to write in our topic work this half term. The children will build upon the work taught in literacy lessons to write an explanation text about paper recycling, a postcard to Greenpeace and letters to Enviro-schools.

Rubbish Monsters

The children will learn all about the story of "The Rubbish Monster" a tale that is adapted from the story of the Lambton Worm into a monster who ate the rubbish of Newcastle and cleaned up the city. Through this story the children will learn about the importance of recycling and keeping our planet clean. We shall also be asking the children to design and make their own rubbish monsters.

Science

'A load of old rubbish' lends itself to the topic of materials. The science will initially focus on materials and their properties before moving onto how materials can be grouped and changed. We will also explore where materials come from and if they are man made (manufactured) or natural. Finally we shall explore how materials can be recycled.

Art and DT

The art and DT this term will all focus around using materials which can be recycled. This will include making our own paper and creating collages using pictures and selecting shades of colours from magazines. The children will also be completing still life drawings using art pencils and watercolours and will have a DT day where they can design and make their own rubbish monsters.

A load of old rubbish



PSHCE

The PSHCE work will revolve around raising the children's awareness of not wasting resources and energy. They will consider how we can look after the world. We will also talk about the idea of waste not being 'dirty' and how we can use waste in a valuable way. They will be conducting surveys to find out what we recycle at home, why and if we could do any more.

ICT

Using the 2simple software children will create a campaign to persuade people to recycle; they will design posters, leaflets and invitations to raise awareness and will use editing skills to make their work look as eye catching as possible. The children will also learn how to use emails through 2 simple and the VTLE. They will send an email to Mrs Bayes and 'The Green Team' explaining how we could be even "greener". They will also learn how to reply to emails.

We will continue to use websites and the internet to support our research and the children will become more confident at using hyperlinks.

RE

In RE we shall continue our work learning about Judaism. We hope to arrange a visit to a local synagogue to help reinforce the children's understanding and to bring the topic to life.

Music

We will make our own instruments using different materials and compose our own music using these! We will also be continuing our work using the Charanga music programme.

