

Elephants Never Forget (Key Stage 1)



Season: All	Duration: 1 .5 hours					
<p>Overview: Elmer the elephant's Indian cousin Dev has come to stay. Follow their story as they discover what humans do with rubbish and learn about an interesting type of recycling using waste made by elephants! Then Re-use an old plastic bottle to make your own mini elephant.</p>						
<p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify what happens to rubbish that we throw away. To explore the problems associated with land-filling rubbish and introduce the concept of recycling as a better alternative, using interesting examples from around the world. 	<p>Key Vocabulary:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Dirty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pollution</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Elephant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>India</td> </tr> </table>	Dirty	Pollution	Elephant	Rat	India
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<p>National Curriculum Links:</p> <p>Science: Year 1: Everyday Materials Year 2: Uses of Everyday Materials</p> <p>Geography: Key stage 1: Location Knowledge; Place Knowledge.</p> <p>Design and Technology: Key Stage 1: Make.</p> <p>Art and Design: Key Stage 1: To use a range of materials creatively to design and make products; To develop a wide range of art and design techniques in using colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.</p>						
<p>Resources to be provided by school: Scissors, PVA glue and glue spreaders</p> <p>Materials children should bring from home: A clean 4 pint (2.2 litre) plastic milk bottle per child, complete with lid.</p>						
<p>Outline of Activities with approximate timings: Please note: We can tailor activities to suit the abilities of your class and time available.</p> <p>Story: Elmer and Dev Explore (30minutes) Tell story, supported by large flash card illustrations: Elmer the elephant's Auntie Bakul and Cousin Dev from India have come to stay. Elmer has lots of fun showing Dev around. While they are playing they notice some humans having a picnic near the river and are shocked when the humans leave lots of rubbish lying around. It's then that they meet Reggie a friendly rat who shows them what happens to rubbish made by humans...</p> <p>The story introduces the class to waste issues in a fun way: learning about the problems of land-filling rubbish, and why re-using or recycling rubbish is a better option, using the unusual case study from India of recycling elephant poo into paper.</p> <p>Making mini elephants (45-60 minutes) Children recycle a plastic milk bottle into a friend for Elmer and Dev, decorated with colourful tissue paper squares. We demonstrate and explain each step clearly to the class and assist where necessary e.g. when cutting bottle into elephant shape and sticking ears onto body etc.</p>						

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Extra activity (time allowing)

What's it made of? Game (15 minutes)

Working in small groups the children look at a variety of products made from rubbish, exploring what types of rubbish they are made from, how they are made and which part of the world they have come from.

Eco- Schools Links:

Curriculum-linked activities and practical action on waste and recycling in school could be used as evidence towards an Eco Schools Award. For more information visit:

<http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/ecoschools/>

Suggested follow-up activities :

Waste and recycling-themed activities:

- Local waste and recycling information, top tips and facts: <http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk>
<http://www.recyclenow.com/schools/index.html>: lots of general recycling information, plus top tips and resources for schools.
- <http://www.wastebuster.co.uk/> : Join colourful characters Busta and Pong on their waste busting mission! This interactive website is full of fun children's activities, plus ideas and resources for teachers too.
- http://www.reducereuserecycle.co.uk/greendirectory/kids_green_sites.php : directory of fun, environmentally themed websites for children.
- Rubbish sort cut and stick activity- download a template [here](#).
- Survey the use of your school recycling boxes- how many do you have? What materials can you put in them and where are they? Can you design and make labels for your school recycling boxes to encourage people to use them more?
- Explore the properties of different materials commonly found in our rubbish bins: which are hard, soft, shiny, clear, natural, man-made, re-usable, water-proof, bio-degradable (rot away) etc...
- Rubbish themed story books:
Another Fine Mess by Tony Bonning - A lively story of fox and friends as they try to find somewhere to put their rubbish .
Dinosaurs and all that rubbish by Michael Foreman - A classic environmental story where dinosaurs definitely know what's best for the world.
Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel - the green-caped crusader on a mission to save the planet!
- More craft ideas using waste materials:
<http://familyfun.go.com/crafts/crafts-by-material/recyclable-projects/>
- Set up a school recycling project: help the environment and raise money for a chosen charity:
Textiles recycling schemes: <http://www.rag-bag.co.uk/index.html> or
<http://www.bag2school.com/u/k/home/>
Other recycling schemes: <http://www.reciproc8.co.uk/go/schoolsclubs/schools/> or
<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk> or <http://www.recycleaid.co.uk>

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Suggested follow-up activities (continued):

Global Citizenship-themed activities:

- A variety of global citizenship resources for teachers have been developed by Oxfam and Action Aid: <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/>
http://www.actionaid.org.uk/index.asp?page_id=100006
- The story 'Galimoto' by Karen Lynn Williams is a great starting point for discussions on a variety of themes: Set in Malawi, the story is about a boy, who decides to make a galimoto, a toy vehicle usually fashioned out of old wire. A teachers guide for using the book as a basis for classroom activities is here : http://www.karenlynnwilliams.com/files/galimoto_guide.pdf
- Linking up with a school from another part of the world is an amazing opportunity to get a global perspective into your school: The British Council has a database of more than 40,000 schools and colleges from all over the world who are interested in starting a school partnership: <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/partnerfinding>.