

Another Fine Mess!

This lesson is based on the book, 'Another Fine Mess,' by Tony Bonning. It covers what happens to our rubbish (landfill) and what can be done to prevent this (reuse). The activity is based on reuse and involves children making sock puppets out of 'rubbish'.

Objectives

- To understand what happens to the rubbish we throw away and some of the associated problems.
- To learn that reusing and recycling are better for the environment than throwing things away.

Lesson Outline

Read the story to the children. Talking points:	What did the Fox do with his rubbish? Why? Was it the right thing to do? What happened to the rubbish?
	Compare to what we do with our rubbish in 'real life.' Show image of a dustbin lorry and a landfill site. Briefly describe what happens to the rubbish there and some of the problems it creates.
	The mice in the story re-used Fox's rubbish – what do you think they might do with: an old sock, a yoghurt pot, an egg box etc (show the items and a small mouse to illustrate scale).
	Just like the mice, sometimes we don't need to throw things away – we can reuse them instead. Give some examples – e.g. clothes, toys, cereal box or piece of (used) paper.
	If we can't reuse something, we should to recycle it. Show a picture of the recycling containers used in your local authority area and the items that can be collected.
Children to reuse 'rubbish' to create sock puppets.	Show example puppets and the materials available. Children create their own sock puppets.
Extension activity:	Have the children make a puppet show using the puppets made from reused items. This could be recycling/reuse related or something to do with another activity you have planned.

Resources you will need:

- Copy of 'Another Fine Mess' (Tony Bonning and Sally Hobson).
- Photos of landfill and dustbin lorries.*
- Pictures of landfill problems e.g. gulls.*
- Small mouse toy.
- Examples of things from the story that can be reused e.g. old sock and 'real life' examples e.g. used paper.
- District recycling container and recycling examples.
- Odd socks, scraps of fabric, buttons, beads, PVA glue and scissors.

*Photos/pictures attached below for printing.







