



Introduction

The Hurley Burley Man goes to tidy out the Hurley Burley Van. He shows all the rubbish in the van and talks about how the rubbish can be recycled. He sings a song about a picnic and tidying up after it, and reads a story called "The Charity Shop".

We see the children from Enniskillen Nursery School on a day out in the forest. They explore among the trees, climb trees, balance on a tree trunk and then have a picnic. After the picnic the children are careful to tidy up and take their rubbish away. They go for a walk through the forest, keeping to the paths and not touching the flowers.

Learning Opportunities

The Arts

- Explore natural materials
- Create pictures and models using natural and man-made materials

Language Development

- Explore and talk about natural materials
- Engage in conversations
- Recall events of the "picnic"

Early Mathematical Experiences

- Sort materials
- Understand and use language associated with size e.g. tall, small, tiny, huge
- Talk about the sequence of events e.g. bus, walk, picnic, tidying up, going home

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Take responsibility for caring for the environment
- Understand issues such as litter
- Be aware of the safety of themselves and others

- Develop positive attitudes to healthy eating and hygiene

Physical Development and Movement

- Physical skills of walking, balancing, climbing
- Fine motor skills of e.g. fastening coats, gathering natural materials

The World Around Us

- Observe and respect living things
- Observe changes in living things
- Use their senses to explore
- Become aware of a range of plants and trees
- Sort everyday materials for recycling

Suggested Activities

- Secure three different coloured sacks in the classroom with masking tape against a wall or desk. Provide a pile of 'rubbish' to be sorted into metal, paper or plastic. (The children will love this exercise and it also reinforces the concept of tidying up).
- Provide small bins in the classroom which the children can use to recycle everyday materials e.g. paper, cans and plastic
- Look at and talk about things that keep food safe and fresh e.g. tin foil, cling film, cans, containers
- Use empty household packaging as containers in the sand
- Organise a prop box or display area where the children can see a variety of things that we might take with us on a picnic e.g. a rug, a flask, sandwich box, cups. (These objects could provide opportunities for discussion and might be used by the children to enhance their imaginative play).
- Why not organise a picnic? You could make your own sandwiches and buns, pack everything in a basket and go for a walk outside in the garden.
- Create pictures and models from scrap materials and clean and safe household rubbish

Programme 3 - Enniskillen Outdoors, caring for the environment

- Gather together, or encourage the children to gather, leaves, twigs, cones, flower heads etc. and let the children create a sculpture using these natural materials. (Children can be very creative but usually start with a face) This is a great exercise for outdoors.
- When thinking about outdoor space resources, consider getting a tree trunk for climbing over and sitting upon! It fires the imagination and is relatively inexpensive.