



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



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Keeping in Touch with Family Learning- Schools Edition Renew, Reuse, Recycle

Recycling with kids is not just important but can be fun too. After the holidays you probably have a lot of rubbish or items that you no longer need. By repurposing items before throwing them away, kids will learn that making new items from recycled ones takes less energy and fewer resources than making products from brand new materials. Try reducing, renewing and recycling with these activities.

Fun stories and writing



Learn with Peppa Pig about the 3 'R's Reduce, Reuse, Recycle- [here](#). Discuss with your children what they mean. What do you recycle at home?

For older children: Watch this [clip](#). Make a poster or video to teach your friends and family about the 3 'R's and why they are so important. Remember to use language that will persuade them to do the 3 'R's and make it look attractive.

Exploring maths



Collect items to be reused or recycled. Discuss the shapes of the containers. Sort the items into different groups. Encourage them to count the sides. How many different cubes, cuboids, and cylinders can they find? Are the shapes all 3D. Why?

For older children: Here is a [link](#) to a website to show you how to make 3D shapes using different nets. Recycle old cardboard boxes to make the new shapes with. Together, can you name the shapes and label their properties? What could you reuse these shapes for now? Test your 3D shape knowledge further by clicking [here](#). Remember to reuse some cardboard!

Discover



What can be recycled? Watch this short [video](#) that explains recycling to kids. Discuss different materials with your child. Encourage them to sort out the rubbish. Here is a [link](#) to a recycling sorting game that will teach them which bin to use.

Discover [here](#) how paper is made and try making your own from old paper and cardboard.

For older children: try different mixtures of paper. Which paper makes the best finished paper? Are some stronger than others? Why? What could you use them for?

Make and learn



Look around your house for items in your house that you can recycle. How about trying some of these great ideas and make a beautiful wind chime. From old tin cans to keys or shells, try this [link](#) for inspiration.

For older children: Be creative- what other things could you make from the packaging you would normally throw away? For example, pencil pots or planters. Draw a design plan and create your own amazing recycled creation.

New Online Family Learning Courses- free 5-week courses for February 2021

- [Reception Support your child with Phonics:](#) Text 'GRPH' to **Kathryn** on **07770 641997** with **your name**
- [Year 1 & 2 Support your child with Phonics:](#) Text 'GPH12' to **Kathryn** on **07770 641997** with **your name**
- [Year 3 & 4 Support your child with Writing:](#) Text 'GWR34' to **Kathryn** on **07770 641997** with **your name**
- [Support your child's well-being:](#) Mon pm Text 'GWB' to **Mandy** on **07825 862029** with **your name**
- [Digital well-being and online safety:](#) Weds pm Text 'DWB' to **Mandy** on **07825 862029** with **your name**
- Our **Family Learning Early Years team** are also running courses for parents and their children aged around 2-4years old. If you would like more information on these please text/call Iva on **07710 145234** or **Wendy** on **07768 044813**.

Useful Websites

- Apply for free fruit, veg, milk, vitamins and pulses for children under 4 and pregnant women: <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>
- Young minds offer support to parents if their children are feeling worried. Phone: 0808 8025544
- Learn how to draw with Rob. This one is a sausage dog! [#DrawWithRob 68 Odd Dog Out - YouTube](#)