

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMMEDIATE FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES

Here are some ideas for follow up activities directly after you and your class, child or group have taken part in *Rummage!*

1. Write a postcard

Imagine where Mrs Rummage might decide to visit if she plucks up the courage to crawl through the hole in the fence at the dump. You could use some of the suggestions made by children in the drama.

Can you write the postcard she sends to the children who visited her including a 'photograph' of where she has gone and what she is doing?

2. Research where the rubbish goes

In the drama Mrs Rummage asked you, "*If you were in charge, what would you do with all the rubbish?*" Can you remember the answers and ideas that you and other children had?

If you have access to the internet - find out where your rubbish currently goes. Can you find out what can it be made into or how it can be reused? Can you find out how much rubbish we throw away?

How do your ideas compare with what we already do with all the rubbish that gets thrown away?

Use these websites to help you with your research

<http://www.ecofriendlykids.co.uk> - The Eco Friendly Kids website contains a wealth of information, tips, quizzes and games for children about recycling and the environment. It is good for ideas for exploring with children an in-depth understanding of ecological issues.

www.recyclezone.org.uk - This is a site for schools, children and teachers that tells you what is going on in the world of waste. The site talks about the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) and what they mean.

3. Play the props game

Mrs Rummage talked to the children about '*seeing things differently*' and they imagined together what they could see in some of the items she had 'rummaged'. Try playing this fun game to explore the different uses of seemingly everyday objects.

Children get into pairs and each pair is given an object or prop. In turn the pair uses the prop to see how many different ways they can use it to suggest things.

4. Make a map

Imagine you were trying to explain your neighbourhood to Mrs Rummage.

Create a 3D map of your neighbourhood with objects you can find around the room or in the recycling bin. Include where you live and play, places that might be special or interesting to you, places that you might want to avoid. Use a sheet of paper or fabric as your boundary. Think about what objects could represent the places and even people on your map.

5. Create a character

Make a character/puppet from simple materials such as an old sock or glove or a cardboard tube or wooden spoon. Try bringing it to life by giving it a face, a voice and a character. If your character had a catch phrase what might it be? How does it move or interact with others?