

Recycling Relay Race

- Show the children the different materials in the large tub. Talk about how there are three different materials in the tub that can all be recycled. Carefully show a selection of plastic, paper and metal objects and packaging. Allow the children to handle and name the materials.
- Tell the children that we are going to play a recycling relay race.
- Divide the children into two teams (you vs them) and ask the teams to make a line at one end of the room or space, with the first person standing next to a cone. Divide all of the packaging items equally between the two large tubs. Place one tub next to each team. You may either wish to use real materials (plastics, paper and metal items) or you may wish to use PE equipment to represent these different materials, for example, beanbags in different colours to represent different materials).
- At the other end of the room, place the three bins and tubs labelled 'Plastic', 'Paper and Cardboard' and 'Metal'. If you are using coloured objects to represent each material (e.g. beanbags), you may wish to use coordinating colours for the bins/tubs.
- As you say 'Go!', the child at the front of the line will need to grab an object from their team's tub, race to the other side and sort it into the correct bin. They will then need to run back and tag the next person before joining the end of the line.
- The relay continues until all of the objects have been sorted.
- You can always be working as one team trying to beat the clock!

