

Where Does It Go?

Materials:

- A range of different types of litter e.g Apple Core, Drinks Can, Crisp Packet, Plastic Bottle etc (These could be collected in a litter pick or scavenger hunt)
- Plant pots/ containers full of soil (If required)
- Labels
- Gloves
- Trowel (optional)

Methodology:

- Before carrying out this activity you should discuss with the class:
What is litter?
Where does it come from?
What types of rubbish can end up as litter?
- Bury your litter either in your soil containers or outside if applicable. Don't forget to label what you have buried and where!
- Wait for about 4 - 6 weeks then dig up your litter. What do you find?
- Record your results.

Discussion:

- What happened to your litter?
- Did it rot away?
- Why did some litter rot away while others did not?
- What would happen if we simply left all our litter on the ground?

Comments

This activity would work well over a school holiday. After the initial findings have been made why not bury the litter again and revisit it at monthly instalments to see what has happened. You can keep a record of your findings by using notes or photographs.