

# Understanding waste



## 1. As the pupils enter

Have the [web page](#) open.

Play chosen music and display the image of [waste plastic being processed](#) if you wish.

## 2. Introduction

Every day we all produce a lot of waste: wrappers for food and sweets...empty packaging...things that we no longer want. What happens to all that waste when we throw it away? Today we'll be trying to understand waste better by thinking about where all the rubbish we produce goes...and what effect this has on the environment. We're going to start by watching a short video...

## 3. Play the video

The duration is 3' 57". Final words: '...and protect the environment.'

## 4 & 5. Time to talk

Use the 'Video questions' to help pupils recall the details of the video:

1. How much waste does each person in the UK produce each year?
2. What happens to waste that cannot be recycled?
3. Why is landfill bad for the environment?
4. What jobs did the teenagers do at the recycling plant?
5. What new things can be made from the recycled waste?

Then:

**400kg of waste produced every year by each and everyone one of us - the equivalent of a grand piano! What a lot of rubbish that is! Turn to the person next to you and tell them about the type of waste you collect at home and the different bins that you use. [Allow time]. Why do you think it's right that we recycle? Tell the person next to you. [Allow time and then invite some responses].**

## 6. Opportunity to sing

An opportunity to sing your chosen song. This is the link to the vocal version of '[All things bright and beautiful](#)'.

## Play video



## 7. Opportunity to reflect

Focus your reflection on the theme of sustainability, protecting the environment and thinking about our waste more carefully:

**Think about the different types of rubbish you create - at home...at school...elsewhere...**

**Do you always try to recycle it? Do you always use the correct recycling bins...at home and at school..?**

**If we all try to think carefully about not being wasteful and trying to recycle the waste that we do produce...we can all play a part in protecting our precious environment...**

**What things could you do today to make a positive difference for our planet..?**

## 8. Opportunity for prayer

Begin with your usual form of address ('Dear God', 'Lord Jesus', 'Let us pray...' etc) and:

**We want to thank you for our environment and the world we live in. Help us to think more carefully about the waste that we produce. Encourage us to recycle and take care of our environment for the future. Amen.**