



Lesson 4 – Upcycling

Lesson Plan

Delivered by	Class teacher
Year groups	5 and 6
Session length	60 mins

Curriculum links:
Art
Music

Learning objectives covered	<p>The session will introduce what upcycling is and how we can do this</p> <p>By the end of the session, the students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the environmental importance of upcycling• Have the creative scope to produce upcycled items with a new purpose• Have the knowledge of how they can put new life into old items through repairing
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Introduction film

The film for this lesson will cover the following points:

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
What is upcycling?			Film
Is upcycling a new idea?			Film
Why is upcycling good for the environment?			Film
How does upcycling compare to recycling?			Film
What are the different ways items can be upcycled?			Film
What are some simple examples of upcycling?			Film
What about repairing things?			Film

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
Main part of session with range of activities dependant on time			
Upcycled examples	Look at examples of ways people have upcycled items	PowerPoint has some examples	PowerPoint
List items that could be made into something else and the uses they could have	Group activity How creative can you be?		Use the Rubbish Rebels Action Pack
Two activity options depending on class preference			
Produce a Rubbish Rebels mascot	Using old materials and objects no longer needed produce a model in small groups	Look at examples online Use the Rubbish Rebels Action Pack to make notes and show finished item	
Make musical instruments	Again using old materials and objects no longer needed produce music making objects to produce a band	Look at examples of music bands online	Internet

End of session summary

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
When did upcycling start to be part of people's lives and what's the reason people upcycled?	Information on film		
How does upcycling help the environment?	Information on film		

Homework

Activity	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes
Research at home a small craft project to make	Look online at items that they could make out of unwanted materials and bring the upcycled item into school	Photograph finished items to make a display	

Gold & Silver Awards

Activity name / Session section	Activity brief	Teacher activity	Resources and notes	Delivery Time
Silver award activity				
Organise making crafts that can be sold in a school craft fair	Decide when would be best for this activity to fit in the school year. You could do this near Christmas and then the items could be sold at a school Christmas fair, or at Easter. This would then help give a theme to the project.		<p>Research online what you feel would work well.</p> <p>List the items you will need.</p> <p>Photograph the finished items.</p>	
Gold award activity				
Organise a repair workshop for the school	Plan and organise the event. Tea, coffee and cakes could be sold. A donation could be given when items have been mended, which could go towards school projects.		Set out a simple planning sheet to help keep the organising structured and to schedule	