



Brownies choose your own adventure!

Session 9

Brownie Unit Meeting Activity Unfantastic Plastic

Plastic is taking over the planet! We need to change the way we use it - fast! What are you going to do to help with the plastic crisis?

- Think about all the plastic items that you can. Some examples might be:

water bottle plastic straw plastic cup lunch box plastic wrap

- Decide how you should view the items, rethink, reduce, reuse or recycle? Can you think of anymore?



RETHINK Is there something better we could use that is not plastic?

REDUCE Can we find a way to not need to use this as much?

REUSE Can we keep using it lots of times until it runs out?

RECYCLE Can it be made into something new?

Choose a plastic item you use a lot. Decide if it is better to rethink, reduce, reuse or recycle. Turn your decision into a plastic pledge! You could start with "I Will...." (e.g., I will use a refillable water bottle instead of buying new)



My Plastic Pledge:

Now have a go at recycling a plastic bottle and making it into something useful for the environment!

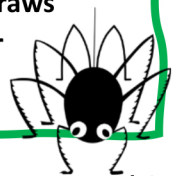
Brownie Unit Meeting Activity Bottle Mansions

Recycle your bottle into a home for minibeasts.



What you need:

- Small plastic bottle (70cl approx.)
- Scissors
- Drinking straws
- Newspaper
- Sticky tape



- Think about where minibeasts live.
- Cut your bottle in half to create a pot shape with the bottom.

- Create some tubes with the newspaper to the same length as the pot you have cut. You should be able to get your finger in the tube, use a bit of tape to stop them unrolling.
- Pop your newspaper tubes in your pot, make enough to fill it about three quarters full.
- Use the straws to fill the smaller gaps - cut them to the same length.

You have created a waterproof shelter where minibeasts can stay warm and hidden.

Think about places where minibeasts might like your shelter, some corner of the garden, under a hedge? On a shelf in a shed? Hang it with some strings? Different beasts live at different heights. Talk with an adult about the best place.



Stay safe!

- Be careful with scissors when cutting the bottle and the edges

