The R Team:

An inspiring education resource to look after our environment

This free KS2 resource can be delivered by a teacher or Veolia education staff; it's been specifically designed to fit with a digital remote, hybrid or classroom learning environment.

What is The R Team

The R Team explores the waste hierarchy through the eyes of Jo, an inquisitive 9-year-old, and her family and friends. It encourages pupils to join The R Team and champion good waste management. There is an introductory assembly, followed by a workshop exploring each of the four Rs - reduce, reuse, recycle and recover.





Beyond learning about the 4Rs, children will increase their awareness of climate change and our environmental impact. They'll be inspired to think about how their actions can make a difference to preserve natural resources and save energy. Pupils will be empowered to know that while everyone might be at a different starting point, we can all make small changes to do a bit more and to help the world around us.

The resource is centred on inspiring behaviour change - equipping pupils with the knowledge, understanding and motivation to take the messages home and carry them with them, to make a positive difference to the environment.

Format

The workshops use the format of a slide presentation with story voiceovers and learning activities woven in. There are supplementary teachers notes to support resource delivery and inform class discussions.

Schools can enhance the pupil learning experience with Veolia staff, who are available to share industry knowledge, experience and enthusiasm by leading on or contributing to the delivery of the resource. This is completely free and can be done remotely as necessary.

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Workshop overview

Assembly

In this 15 minute session, pupils will be inspired to think about waste and will be introduced to the 4 Rs. Most importantly, they'll learn that they are part of The R Team!





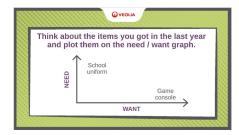
Recycle workshop

We start with the most familiar R - recycle. Within Jo's school day, pupils will learn how to recycle at home, what happens to recycling and why it's important to recycle. They'll also learn about littering, how much waste is created and consider what they can do to make a difference.

Reuse workshop

Pupils go with Jo to the supermarket and on a camping trip to learn how reusing can make a difference and think what they could reuse. Along the way they'll learn about climate change, do some math and contemplate how they could persuade others to reuse more.





Reduce workshop

Join Jo in town to explore the difference between needs and wants. Pupils can debate whether Jo should buy new trainers, then reflect on their own needs and wants, and understand how less is more for the environment.

Recover workshop

After learning how electricity is made using non-recyclable waste, pupils will become innovators thinking about how the heat generated from the process could be used. They'll also reflect on the 4 Rs they've learned about in the previous workshops, and consider what order they should go in on the waste hierarchy and why. And finally they'll make their pledge to continue the work of the R Team and recruit others to do the same.



Empower your pupils to make a difference to our planet by joining The R Team! Contact <u>ruth.jones@veolia.com</u> for more information or phone 07824 545 597