

## **Teaching Notes: Hodge Podge Lodge**

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#### SYNOPSIS

The Pigwigs live happily in Hodge Podge Lodge. One windy morning, all their rubbish is blown away causing mishaps with their neighbours. When the distressed animals bring all the rubbish back to Hodge Podge Lodge, Little Miss Pigwig has an idea that will help to keep Hodge Podge Lodge and its surrounding environment tidy. An amusing story that teaches children about the importance of recycling and taking care of the environment.

#### **AUTHOR BACKGROUND**

Priscilla has a degree in Graphic Design from the Canterbury College of Art, Kent. After working for a few years as a book designer she began work as a freelance artist and has now illustrated over 40 books for children. In her spare time she also enjoys playing the Ukulele.

#### HOW THE BOOK ENCANCES LEARNING

Hodge Podge Lodge explores environmental issues in an accessible and easily understandable format for children. The side effects of littering and the importance of recycling are at the heart of this gorgeous picture book.

#### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

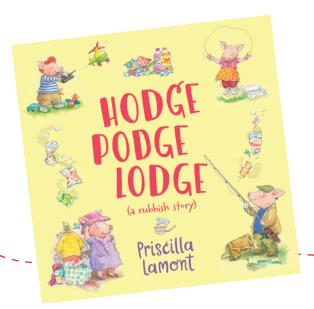
#### Before and during reading the book:

- 1. Introduce Hodge Podge Lodge to the children and ask them what they think the story might be about?
  - a. Get the children to look closely at the front cover:
  - b. What can they see?
  - c. Why do they think those specific items are on the front cover?
- 2. What do they think the characters on the front cover are doing?
- 3. Why do they think the subtitle is "A Rubbish Story?"?
- 4. Does anyone know what recycling is and if so do they recycle?

#### After reading the book:

- I. Ask the children:
  - a. What did they think of the story?
  - b. What were their favourite parts or least favourite parts and why?
  - c. Would they have done anything differently to the Pigwigs or the other animals?
- 2. Ask them to think of items that they could recycle every day?
- 3. Is there anything they normally throw out in the classroom or at home that they could actually use again to create less rubbish?





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#### RECYCLING FACTS AND FIGURES FROM: RECYCLING GUIDE.ORG.UK

- One recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for three hours.
- One recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes.
- One recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60 watt light bulb for 3 hours.

#### **INTERESTING FACTS**

- Up to 60% of the rubbish that ends up in the dustbin could be recycled.
- The unreleased energy contained in the average dustbin each year could power a television for 5,000 hours.
- The largest lake in the Britain could be filled with rubbish from the UK in eight months.
- On average, 16% of the money you spend on a product pays for the packaging, which ultimately ends up as rubbish.
- As much as 50% of waste in the average dustbin could be composted.
- Up to 80% of a vehicle can be recycled.
- 9 out of 10 people would recycle more if it were made easier.

http://www.recycling-guide.org.uk/facts.html

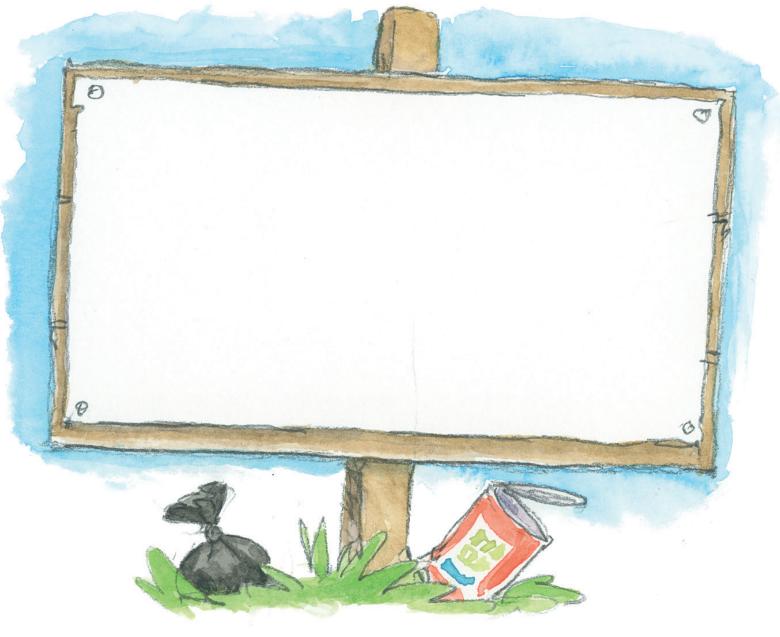


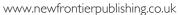


# The Pigwigs need your help! Design a poster for their next Craft Fair.

### It must include:

- I. Information about the importance of recycling
- 2. A list of some of the things that can be made by reusing items.







## Hodge Podge Lodge Word Search



### Can you find all the words?



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ENVIRONMENT FAIR **PIGWIGS** 

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**RECYCLE** 

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# The Pigwigs need to sort out the rubbish that goes in each bin.

Colour in and label each of the Pigwigs's rubbish bins so they don't get confused!

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