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S.K.I.P. (Safe 'K'reative Imaginative Play)

Dear Parents/Carers,

From September 2017, we are considering introducing the idea of something similar to what you can see on this 'play pods' video, onto our playground.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJJJeKg>

I strongly believe that activities centred around creative play like these, help to develop children's skills in all areas of the curriculum. It builds on our teaching of the 5R's (Developing Resilience, Responsibility, being Resourceful and Reflective and builds up Reasoning skills, which help pupils learn how to manage safe risks.

I have spoken to the midday meals supervisors, staff and children about this concept and pupils are very enthusiastic, saying that we can do it for FREE, by recycling things parents may be able to get for us.

The children felt that the idea of play through S.K.I.P. (Safe 'K'reative Imaginative Play) would help them in so many ways like ...

- "It gets everyone involved."
- "It lets everyone have chance to do what they like to do."
- "It's fun."
- "helps us make things"
- "Be Good for recycling."
- "Improve DT skills."
- "Lots of trial and error."
- "Gives us challenges."
- "Helps us work together as a team."
- "May make some new friends."

Some very important skills are learnt through this concept. Life skills - of learning to fail, how to improve and have determination to succeed through trial and error.

So, we come to you, is there anyone out there who can help us, or provide us with phone numbers to call or links to companies that we could contact ?

Safe and appropriate waste recycling products could be ...

Swimming woggles
Old bedding
Old curtains
Old dressing up clothes
Smooth wood - wheels
Tyres
Plastic containers
Smooth tin cans
Milk containers
Plastic tubs - storage
Netting
Plastic tubing
Plastic pipes
Drain pipes
Guttering
Cardboard boxes

Plus anything else - please share your thoughts...

Please do not feel offended if for some reason something comes to school and we feel that it is unsuitable and we have to throw it away.

Thank you for your assistance with this project.

We will hold a S.K.I.P. play date for families who have helped us create this new play opportunity at an opening ceremony in the near future.

Mrs White
Headteacher



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