We ♥ Our Planet

This activity invites children to take part in an art project to represent their love of nature and share it with your community. The activity involves going outside to collect natural objects for decoration.

**DRIVING QUESTION**
How can we use natural resources to show our love of nature?

**OBJECTIVE**
Carry out an art project to demonstrate love and care of the planet to the wider community.

**TIME**
Flexible - at least one hour in total with the option to extend each section, or pause and come back to the activity another time.

**MATERIALS**
- Heart shaped pieces of card, each with a small hole to hang from a piece of string
- Long piece of string to hang hearts on
- Scissors, glue and any other art supplies e.g. coloured pens, paints, glitter
- Natural materials from local outdoor environment e.g. leaves, sand, small sticks, pebbles
- Small bags for collecting natural materials
- Big paper and pens

**GLOBAL GOALS**
- Climate Action
- Life on Land
- Partnerships for the Goals
- Sustanable Cities and Communities

**PLAN**
Engage children in a conversation on the meaning of the words nature, planet, and Earth. Do you have favorite animals or plants? What do you like about them? If you think about being outside, what are things that make you feel happy?

Today you are going to create an art project to share your love for nature with the world. You will be creating a string of hearts that will ‘connect’ to other strings of hearts and wrap the planet in love.
PREPARE

Show the heart-shaped cards and explain that you will be gathering natural objects from outside to decorate the hearts. Discuss what these might be. Go for a nature walk to gather items. Encourage children to collect whatever they are interested in from the natural world. Explore different areas of the natural environment to see what different things you can find. Store everything in your bags to take back with you.

MAKE

Return to your work station and give out the hearts and glue. You are now going to stick the things you’ve collected onto your hearts, however you like. If you want you can add extra decorations. As you go, invite children to show what they are doing and swap ideas. There is no right or wrong way!

REFLECT

When you have finished, thread all the hearts onto your piece of string and hang it somewhere you can all see. Which are your favorites? Can you remember where you got the natural objects from? How does the string of hearts show that We ♥ Our Planet? What message can you share with others about your art installation and the reasons why you created it?

CELEBRATE!

It’s time to share your beautiful work with the world, so that they can see how much you love the planet! Think about where you could hang your string of hearts so that others can see it. You could take photos to share with others on social media using #GlobalGoalsExplorers and tagging @TheWorldsLesson. If enough people do it, the chain of hearts will reach around the whole world!

EXTENSION

Using the Global Goals poster, encourage your children to identify which Global Goals this activity links to. There are some examples given at the start of this activity, but there might be more connections that you can think of. Can you think of other things people are doing to support these Goals, in your community or around the world?