

## **Treasure Hunt** *Playground activity*

**Key Stage:** 1 or 2

**Materials:** Photographs of details of the playground (refer to Taking the Photographs for examples of images), worksheet (supplied), something to lean on, pencil, wax crayon, paper

### **Activity summary:**

- Each member of the class is given a photograph of a detail in the playground
- The activity involves seeking and finding the detail (the treasure)
- Links can be made with:
  - Geography: Around Our School (Unit 1)
  - Art: A Sense of Place (Unit 6c)
- Extension tasks:
  - Art: Make a drawing, a rubbing and
  - Art & Geography: notice and identify characteristics relating to place (refer to worksheet supplied)

### **Lesson Plan:**

#### **Being observant**

1. Playgrounds are familiar places. They are made up of many details: surfaces, textures, shapes, patterns, details, forms, colours, smells, and sounds.

Ask a series of questions to discover how aware the children are currently of their playground environment  
e.g. What colour is the litter bin by the water fountain?

#### **Find the photographs**

2. Give each child a photograph to find.

#### **Demonstrate using the worksheet**

3. The suggested questions are intended to provoke an enquiry into the section of the playground they have found.

A drawing will focus their attention on the details

Logging as much detail as possible will support this

### **Demonstrate making a rubbing**

4. Place a sheet of paper over the surface. Using the flat side of a piece of wax crayon rub gently and consistently over the paper to reveal the texture.

Extension: add ink/paint washes or make a plasticine cast

### **Share findings**

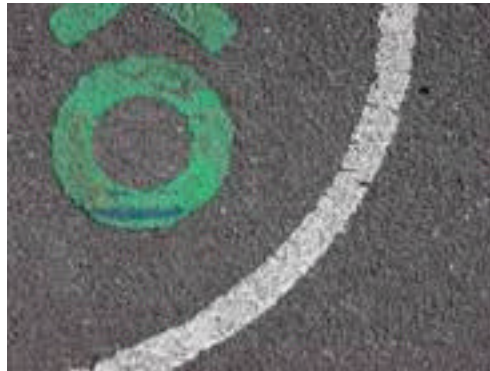
5. Each child could present their findings

6. Evaluate what they have noticed about their familiar environment that they hadn't noticed before

### ***Recommendations:***

### **Taking the photographs**

- Details could be of architectural structures, surfaces, playground markings, or foliage.



- Including an easily identifiable element will save time if including the extension activities.
- It was found that shooting that the cost of a roll of 35mm film with a disposable camera and processing was preferred and more cost efficient than using a digital camera when printing out involves time and print cartridges.

## ***Treasure Hunt Worksheet***

Where is your treasure? Describe its location in the playground.

Of what materials is your treasure made of? List them all.

What does the surface feel like? Describe the different textures.

What colours can you see? List them all.

What shapes can you see? List them all.

What is this part of the playground used for? Describe.

What associations do you have with this part of the playground?  
Describe.

What can you hear in the playground? List all the different sounds.

What can you smell in the playground? List all the different smells.

Which is your favourite part of the playground? Describe why.

What would you change about the playground to improve it?  
Describe your ideas.