Instructions to teachers

Eco Snakes and Ladders – Reduce Reuse Recycle

To play this game with your Eco Team, you will need to print out:

- The game board on A3
- The 3Rs ‘ladders’ game cards (2 double sided A4 sheets)
- The 3Rs ‘snakes’ game cards (2 double sided A4 sheets)

Cut out the cards and remove any which are not relevant to your school.

Laminate them and the game board, to prolong their lifespan.

Place each set of cards in a pile, face down, next to the game board.

Find a dice and some counters or ideally get the Eco Team to use a found object for their own counter (such as a bottle top/lid, a piece of scrunched foil, a piece of cardboard etc.)

Start the children off playing the snakes and ladders game as normal.

When someone lands on a ladder, they pick up a ladder card and read it aloud. It will tell them why ‘they’ are being sent up a ladder (ie a positive action).

When someone lands on a snake, they pick up a snake card and read it aloud. It will tell them why ‘they’ are being sent down a snake (ie a negative action).

What are sleeping snake cards?
If a child picks up a card with a sleeping snake on it, they can avoid going down the snake altogether! To do so they have to explain to the other players what action could be taken to counteract the negative behaviour. Depending on the abilities of the particular group, you can if you wish put a limit of a certain number of seconds (e.g. 20 or 30) for the response to be given to the other players.

The game continues until one player arrives at the Finish! This can be determined by yourself as to whether the players have to throw an exact number to finish or not.

Note: There are also blank snake cards and blank ladder cards for you - or the Eco Team - to create your own additional cards. These can contain 3Rs messages that are pertinent to your school.