

A Germ's Journey

Educational Resources



Germ's Journey Workshop

The workshop takes the style of a carousel lesson/activity and consists of four activities. Each group of children will take part in all four activities, each supervised by an adult.

1) Book Reading Activity:

Groups of children will have the 'A Germ's Journey' book read to them and will have a chance to look through the book themselves, using the heat sensitive patches and playing the 'Find the Germs Game' at the back of the book. There are also questions for teachers to ask the children at the back of the book to encourage discussion.

2) Website Activity:

Groups of children will play 2 games on the website: www.germjourney.com

Find the Germs Game: http://www.germjourney.com/3-6year/find_a_germ.html

A Germ's Journey Animation: http://www.germjourney.com/3-6year/germs_journey.html

3) Glo-Gel Handwashing Activity:

Children will have glow-in-the-dark gel to rub into their hands. The adult will then shine a UV torch onto their hands to show the gel (this gel represents the germs on their hands). Children are then asked to go and wash their hands, paying special attention to their wrists, between their fingers and under their nails. The adult then shines the light on the children's hands to see if they have managed to wash all the gel/'germs' off.

4) Handwashing Song Activity:

Children will be shown a specifically developed handwashing song/video, co-created alongside the Thinktank Birmingham Science Museum. Children will watch the video first once and then sing along the second time whilst following the hand actions.

The song can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLYcRFvyH3E>

Extra Activity: Colouring Sheets:

Two colouring sheets depicting a germ character and 'dirty hands/clean hands' can be downloaded here: <http://www.germjourney.com/learningresources.html>. These can be printed used as an additional activity.