Supporting your child's reading and writing in Years 3 and 4

Suggested reading and writing activities using the topic of recycling. These activities can be modified and transferred to other topics of interest to your child.

Construct a flow chart to explain the four stages of an item's life: 1. production 2. sale 3. disposal 4. recycling.	**Explain** why it is important that we all do our part to recycle. What would happen if we didn't?	**Research** different symbols associated with recycling plastic and **explain** what each means.	**Write** song lyrics to promote recycling. Use a familiar or well-known tune.
Create a recycling station at home to sort household rubbish. Use labels and images to determine what is included at each station.	**Produce** a map to show where the five offshore plastic accumulation zones are in the world's oceans. Include labels and arrows to show their direction of travel.	**Compare** and **contrast** products from around the home, determining whether they are able to be recycled or not. List them in these two categories.	**Create** a scene from a book you are reading using recycled materials from around your home.
Develop a series of questions to interview an older family member over the phone or the internet. Find out what their experiences with recycling have been during their lifetime.	**Write** a 30 second radio commercial encouraging and educating people on the importance of recycling.	**Create** a story or comic strip with a recyclable product as the main character. Give your story the title, *"The adventures of…"*	**Write** a letter or email to a company, making suggestions as to how they can improve their recycling practices.
Identify and **write** family goals for recycling and display these on the fridge.	**Design** a digital poster with a catchy slogan to persuade people to recycle.	**Research** a company that produces your favourite food and find out how they recycle their packaging.	**Create** a quiz using recycling facts. Ask others at home to complete the quiz.

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