

Pass the Germ Handwashing Game

You will need a copy of the accompanying germ picture or a suitable toy that can be passed around the circle.

Instructions

1. Arrange the children so that they are standing in a circle.
2. Ensure that the children are familiar with the rhyme 'Ring-a-Ring O' Roses'.
3. Explain that people tend to sneeze when they get a cold and that colds are caused by germs. Remind the children that by washing their hands regularly they can make sure that germs are washed away and are not passed on to anyone else.
4. Tell the children that they are going to play a game using the rhyme 'Ring-a-Ring O' Roses' but, instead of walking round in a circle, they will pass the germ picture around the circle. Whoever is holding the germ at the end of the rhyme has to pretend to sneeze and fall down.
5. Repeat the rhyme until there is only one person left standing. They are the winner!
6. Remind the children of the importance of handwashing so that germs are not passed from person to person.

