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CHECKLIST

Talking to children about waste: a quick guide

- [ ] Point to items in the bin and ask where they came from
- [ ] Let them sort recycling and rinse containers before bins
- [ ] Audit a week's waste together and identify patterns
- [ ] Assign one small responsibility tied to waste reduction
- [ ] Show finished compost or donated items so they see results
- [ ] Respond to mistakes with calm problem-solving, not lectures
- [ ] Balance environmental problems with examples of progress
- [ ] Support their observations about waste in other settings
- [ ] Model the behaviour you want them to adopt