

The Penny Walk



For this activity, students and staff decide where they want to start the walk, and take a penny or other coin with them.

Students from the Camberley Day Service chose to go on a penny walk around the Old Dean, their neighbourhood. They split into teams of two students and staff members, and at every turn, each team flipped their coin to decide which direction to take.



On the walk, the students looked out for objects that began with certain letters, agreed beforehand.

For example, for U, they spotted an umbrella.

They photographed the objects that they came across, so they could use them to talk about the activity later.

Some items they kept and brought back with them, like small blue wildflowers and a fir cone.



The students matched a few people up with letters: M for mechanic, S for shopkeeper, and P for postman.





The pennies took the students in all different directions and the walk lasted an hour. No one's paths crossed till the very end!



AIMS OF THE ACTIVITY

- To build students' awareness of their environment.
- Teamwork: to work together in pairs to find the objects on the list.
- To build on social skills by interacting with members of the public.
- To integrate with the community.

