

THEMES

- Reusing and Repurposing Materials
- Reducing Waste
- Innovation and Problem-Solving
- Community and Cooperation
- Care for the Environment

EYFS FRAMEWORK LINKS

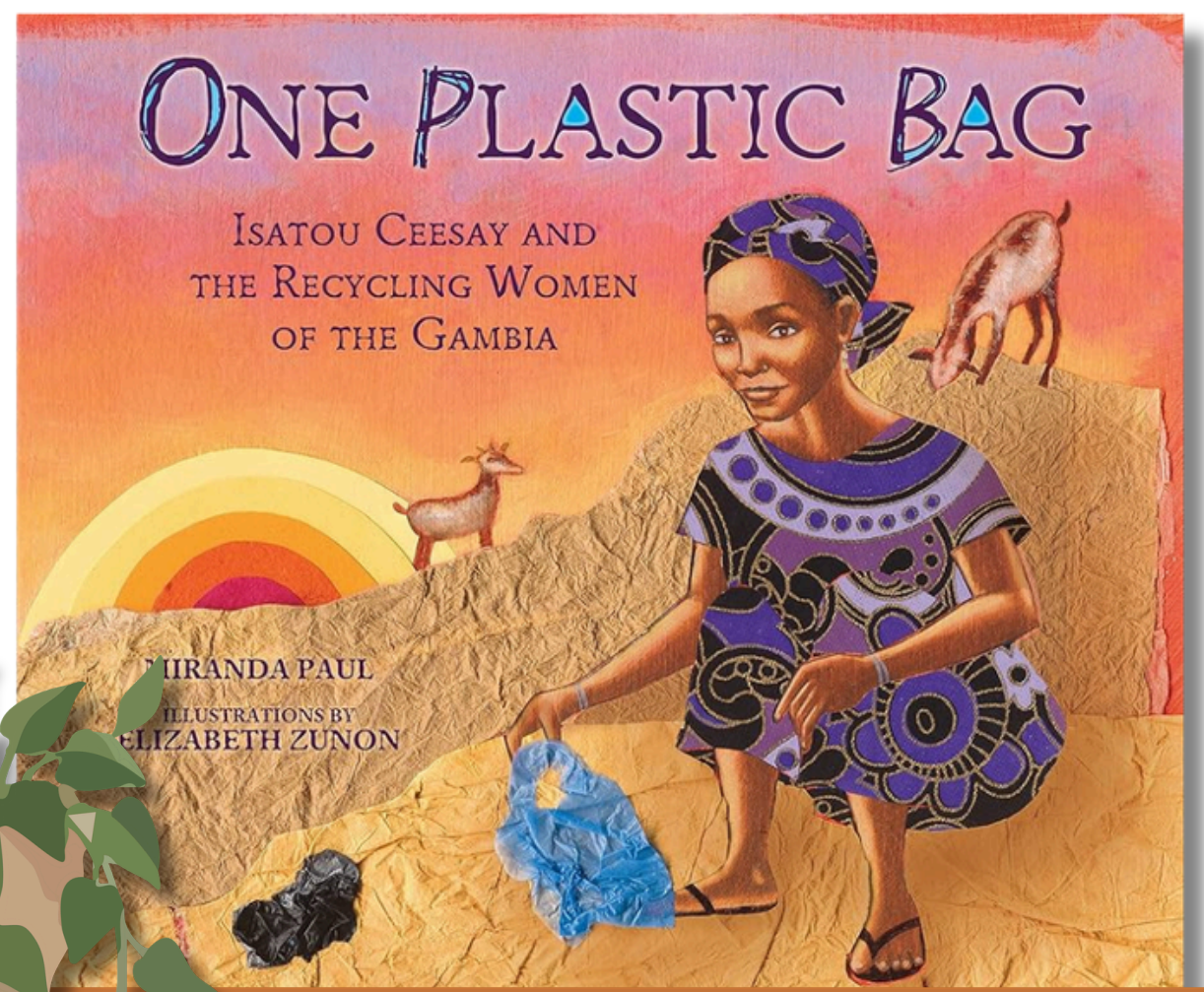
- Understanding the World
- Communication and Language
- PSED
- Expressive Arts and Design

PRE READING QUESTIONS

- What do you think happens to things we throw away?
- Have you ever used something again instead of throwing it away?
- What do you think the story might be about when you hear the title One Plastic Bag?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did Isatou use the plastic bags differently from other people?
- Why was it a good idea to reuse the plastic bags instead of throwing them away?
- What things in our classroom or home could we use again or turn into something new?



ONE PLASTIC BAG

By Miranda Paul

One Plastic Bag tells the inspiring true story of Isatou Ceesay, a young girl growing up in a village in The Gambia. Her community becomes overwhelmed by plastic bags that are thrown away and litter the streets and fields. Instead of seeing the bags as rubbish, Isatou notices that they could be used again. She learns how to wash, cut and weave the plastic bags into strong, colourful purses. Over time, more women join her, turning waste into something useful and helping to improve both their environment and their lives.

