Soap Bunnies

Why:
Children make a bunny to take home. Making a soap bunny with mum and dad can start families talking about washing face and hands.

What you need:
- A face washer
- A soap bar
- A thick texta for drawing on eyes (and nose)
- A ribbon or elastic band
- 2 pom-poms (optional for nose & tail)
- Glue gun (optional for gluing on pom-poms)

How to use this resource:
- Lay the washer flat on the table
- Place the soap bar in one corner of washer, facing inward.
- Roll the soap bar to wrap it in the washer.
- You will end up with two washer sides coming off the soap bar that will be the bunny ears. Tie the sides together at the top of the soap bar to make the bunny ears.
- Draw on the bunny’s eyes
- Draw a nose or stick a pom-pom on for a nose.
- Stick a pom-pom on for a tail if you want.
Talking points:

- Ear disease is preventable
- One of the ways parents can help is to wash hands and face regularly, and encourage this for the whole family.
- Washing hands and face is one of the things families can do to prevent middle ear disease (and the germs that spread it). Washing hands and face is especially important after blowing your nose, or before you hold new babies.

Extra Ideas:

- You could adapt this to make a soap *bilby* rather than bunny.
- You could also add a song to the activity:

  “Bunny hops to the running stream
  To wash her paws and make them clean
  Rub-rub-rub soapy paws
  Now they’re clean; can you wash yours”

  (To the tune of *Five Little Ducks*)