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Activity – Wormery

Resources

- A big clean jar with a large opening
- Sand (or just use soil)
- Damp soil
- Dead leaves
- A scrap of fabric
- An elastic band
- Some black paper
- And some wriggly worms!



Did you know?.....The best time to look for worms is after it has rained when they come above ground. Only pick up worms that have completely emerged from the soil – please don't pull them out of the ground. Some people believe that stamping on the ground to imitate rainfall works too, so why not give it a try and do your own rain dance! Or you can always water/hose the soil to encourage them to the surface.

Method

- 1) Make sure your jar is clean and remove any labels
- 2) Pour a thin layer of sand in the bottom of your jar then cover with a layer of soil and repeat until the jar is three quarters full.
- 3) Put a handful of dead leaves on top of the last soil layer.
- 4) Now the exciting part, add your worms!
- 5) Make small air holes in your fabric and cover the opening to your jar and secure with the elastic band.
- 6) Wrap some black paper around your jar – remember worms live underground so they prefer the dark.
- 7) Keep your wormery in a cool, dark, safe-place (a cupboard is ideal). Let them do their stuff!!
- 8) After a couple of days, see what the worms are up to. Can the children see patterns their worms have made in the soil?
- 9) Release the worms back into the garden.

Get your children talking about worms ... here is a link to Peppa Pig – compost

<https://youtu.be/oqXlkRpernc>