

Beastie Banquet

- ✿ What can you find on a rotten log?
- ✿ Leaf through the leaves and look for a skeleton!
How many different kinds of mini-beasts can you find?



Nature's Rotters

Can you find any fungi growing on old wood? They help it to rot down and be recycled into the soil to help new plants to grow.

Garden Recycling

Rubbish from man-made materials takes a long, long time to decompose and may remain as waste in the environment for hundreds of years. We now have a big rubbish problem. Helping children to get into good habits as young as possible will help their generation to deal with the problem. Building a compost heap or wormery brings a lot of fun and interest to learning about the process of natural recycling.

Squirmy Wormery

Perfect Pets

Worms make perfect pets. You can have thousands of them and they never have to be taken for walks. They are recycling wonders as they eat plant and animal leftovers. They create great compost for the garden.

Making Your Wormery

- 🐛 Find a large durable container like a kitchen bin.
- 🐛 Make holes in the bottom and lid. Cover the bottom with fine nylon mesh to stop worms escaping.
- 🐛 Put in a mixture of topsoil, shredded cardboard, grass, leaves and straw.
- 🐛 Add the worms (available from garden centre and catalogues).

Feeding Your Worms

Make a shallow hole in the bedding and place your finely-chopped kitchen scraps at the bottom. Worms love the following leftovers:

Apple cores, banana skins, egg shells, vegetables, tea bags, bread crusts.

Harvesting Compost

When the bin is full, lift out the top wormy layers and set aside in a bag. Tip the good compost out of the bottom of the bin and replace the wormy layers – adding more soil, straw etc if needed.

Happy Worms

Worms need damp but not soggy bedding – if they dry out they die, if their bedding is too wet they drown.

They prefer to be not too hot and not too cold – 13°C - 25°C.

