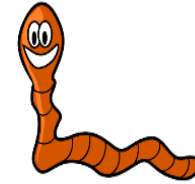




Tuesday 16th June

Make a wormery



Kids are always fascinated by insects and love going on insect hunts and making a home for them. Take care scooping insects up (a piece of card works best to slide underneath them) and remember to return them to their natural habitat at the end of the day. Worms will be fine in a home made wormery for a week.

A large empty coffee jar is best for making a wormery but a smaller jam jar will still work. Or you can use a large plastic drinks bottle. Cut the top off.

Punch holes in the lid of the jar. Then put a layer of soil, a layer of sand, and a layer of compost into the jar. Spray each layer with water so it is damp. On top of this put dead leaves, grass cuttings and some worm food! (vegetable peelings) Find a few worms to live in their new home. Leave your wormery somewhere warm but not too hot. Make sure the soil is kept moist and there is enough food.

Place a piece of paper around the outside of the jar and leave for a few days. When you take the paper away you will see how the layers have disappeared as the worms have mixed up the soil and the leaves! As it moves, the worms pass the earth through their bodies. This is why gardeners love them so much as they naturally keep the earth turning and help to make great soil.

Don't forget to release your worms after a week!

