



KS2 Home Learning

Minibeasts activity- **Wormery**

Here is an activity not for the squeamish. Saying that it can be very interesting to watch what happens over the coming days once you have made your wormery. A wormery is a traditional way to view what worms do underground. Please note on the link below it suggests buying the book to go with the activity this is not required and if you type in the title of the book on You tube you can watch a video of someone reading this book to you.

Things you will need

- 1 litre or bigger plastic drinks bottle thoroughly cleaned
- Soil, compost and sand (you don't need large quantities of any of these)
- Worms from the garden or park
- Scissors and a dark coloured bag

Follow this link for a video tutorial if needed;
<https://rainydaymum.co.uk/make-wormery-explore-happens-underground/>



Activity

This activity may get slightly messy but you could wear gardening gloves when you dig for the worms or pour the soil into the bottle. The bottle when cut should be done by an adult as it may be a bit tricky to do.

1. Collect your worms no more than 5/6.
2. Get an adult to cut the top off the plastic bottle and use it as a funnel for pouring in layers of soil and sand.
3. Layer up the bottle with soil, compost and sand or whatever you have available to create different coloured layers.
4. Add worms to the bottle, as the soil is loose you will see the worms disappear into the soil.

5. Find a safe place to put your wormery and add a black plastic bag loosely over the top to make it dark.
6. Spray or add a bit of water after a couple of days.
7. Check on the worms daily and if you wish create a worm journal to record what you find.
8. After a week return worms to the garden or an area of ground containing soil.