

Adult Guidance

Soil Formation

Handling Worms:

It is recommended that the worms are bought as close to the lesson as possible.

Prior to buying the worms it is necessary to note that they will need to be returned to a compost bin or heap after a few weeks.

Ideally the worms will be kept in the plastic bottles for a maximum of 4 weeks.

If they are returned to normal soil there is a good chance that they will not survive.

It is recommended that all children understand how to handle the worms gently by practising with some plasticine 'worms' if necessary. If they are applying the right amount of pressure there should be no indentations on the plasticine worms.

Caring for Worms:

Worms need to be kept in quiet, dark environments. If this is not possible in the classroom, then a suitable alternative should be found.

The worms will not need to be fed every day. Only add more waste food when the existing food is almost gone.

Check that only enough water to keep the compost damp is added. The worms will die if too much or too little water is added.