

WORM CHARMING EARLY YEARS



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Air a Tuath

AGE

0 - 3
4 - 7
8 - 10
11 - 14

TIME

10 to 20 minutes

LOCATION

Outdoors

CURRICULAR LINKS

**Science, Planet Earth,
Biodiversity**

I can identify my senses and use them to explore the world around me. SCN 0-12a

ASSOCIATED TOPICS

Biodiversity

MATERIALS REQUIRED

- An area of grass covered land, this can be in your garden, local park or school grounds.
- A watering can (particularly for a very sunny day or if there has been no rain for a while)
- A tray or tub for collecting worms.

HOW TO

- This can be done individually or in a circular group.
- If the weather has been very dry for a few days apply water with the watering can and wait a few minutes.
- Start to jump up and down within you grassy patch, you can stomp or dance, hop or skip or even hit the ground with your hands.
- These movements mimic rainfall and encourage worms to the surface.
- Stop every minute or so to check for any worms that have come to the surface so as not to stomp on them.
- Any worms seen should be carefully placed into the tray or tub, taking care not to pull them from their holes or squish them. Always handle worms with care.
- Continue with your funky moves until you are satisfied with your quantity of worms.
- Have a good look at your catch, sorting them into size and colour, how do they move, how do they look and feel.
- Once finished return all worms to the grass and watch as they burrow back under the ground.
- Wash you hands after handling any worms.