



Teachers Resources - Waste & Recycling – Composting – Answers and suggestions

7 to 9 year olds – Activity 1 Composting knowledge quiz

- Q1 Soil like material (A)
 Q2 All of the above (D)
 Q3 Egg boxes (E)
 Leaves (F)
 Plant clippings (C)
 Vegetable peelings (A)
 Q4 Fish (F)
 Meat (D)
 Weeds (B)
 Q5 All of the above (C)
 Q6 Just over a year (C)

7 to 9 year olds - Activity 2 – What's in your bin?

The children could do a drawing or flow chart to show the many uses of compost in their gardens. They could list flowers, plants that need compost or draw a garden where compost has been used effectively. They can also design the compost bin in their own style using colour, drawings, patterns etc.

7 to 9 year olds - Activity 3 - Mini beast project

Mini Beasts	Bad/good for compost	How they help/damage compost
Fruit flies	Good	Breakdown, attracted to the sugars in fruit and vegetables in the bin.
Woodlice	Good	Breakdown
Ants	Good	Breakdown, but too many ants visible and the compost bin is too dry
Slugs	Good	Breakdown
Worms	Good	Breakdown
Spiders	Good	Part of the food chain within the compost bin
Cockroaches	Bad	Keep the compost nice and moist as cockroaches like dry conditions. Turn compost regularly to disturb their nests.
Millipedes	Good	Breakdown
Centipedes	Good	Breakdown
Earwigs	Good	Breakdown
Beetles	Good	Breakdown