



## Lovely Rotters Outreach Workshop (Outdoors)

### Objectives:

This outdoor workshop integrates nature and hands-on activities to teach students about recycling in a fun and engaging way, encouraging them to adopt eco-friendly habits and contribute to a cleaner environment.

- Introduce pupils to the concept of climate change, its causes and effects.
- Working scientifically, pupils will be introduced to the importance of effective composting as part of recycling and reducing waste.
- Fun activities will foster a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship.

### Who for?

1 class of year 2, 3 or 4 students with class teacher and SEN support. Programme can be scaled up or down, with prior notice.

### Do I have to stay with my class?

Yes. We will lead the workshop or session with your class, but school teaching staff are expected to participate in the workshop and are responsible for ensuring the behaviour and welfare of the students. To maximise learning and expand site “buy-in,” you may wish to invite additional adults to participate.

### Duration:

1.5 hours contact time with pupils (approx. 2 hours on school site.)

### Set up requirements:

- Reserved parking space
- Access to field or playing area (Please consider access to indoor cover in case of rain and how areas will be reserved for set up and takedown as well as activity use.)
- both areas will be reserved for activity use.)
- Old newspaper or A4 sheets of paper from your recycling bin (enough for one piece of paper per child.)
- 6 plastic mushroom trays or similar (see image).

### We will bring:

Game equipment, soil and seeds, worms, Planet Champion leaflets



## Activities:

Bin it! (Introduction) (About 10 minutes)	Who are we and what's in our bin? Learn about the importance of what goes in compost bins – and what stays out!
Worm power (About 15 minutes)	Start thinking about compost. What is “green waste” and where should this go? Enjoy a visit with our real compost worms. Think about what keeps them healthy.
Decay Game (About 30 minutes)	Work as a team and learn about leaf litter, the decomposition of plants and the recycling of nutrients. Let's identify what helps the rotting process and what doesn't! Has your waste been contaminated by cardboard with tape and staples? Is your compost bin getting smelly?
Seed it! (About 25 minutes)	Students will make pots, fill them with soil, and plant seeds to “close the loop,” demonstrating how to grow seeds in a recycled plant pot.
Sharing, caring, and promise (About 10 minutes)	Pupils share their learning and their feelings about the activities. They help devise a class stewardship promise.

## Suggested pre-visit activities

- Visit the Hampshire County Council [school recycling page](#).
- Do an audit of composting at home and school. (We'd love to hear, too, if this has changed after our visit.)
- Find the classroom recycling bin. What do students recycle at home?

## Suggested post-visit activities

- Observe growing seeds over time and document changes. Chose location and plant seedlings.
- Write about the life cycle of a cardboard box, bottle, or apple core.
- Send information leaflet home. Ask students to make a twirling worm mobile and think about leaf litter, which is so important for protecting our soils from overheating and erosion. This is a great activity to reinforce the decay process. Instructions and template included.
- Watch a short video explaining the basics of recycling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCS6iOG5G68> for KS1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSIVXZrWMK4> for KS2