

Compost

Good compost is highly beneficial for your garden, providing nutrients and acting as a soil conditioner. It can even keep weeds down! Use a rainy day for your gardening club to design posters to encourage children and staff to compost suitable materials.

What you need

- Colouring pens
- Colouring pencils
- Collage materials
- Scissors
- Paper



What to do

1. Discuss the benefits of compost. Explain that a good compost provides nutrients for your plants and improves the structure of the soil.
2. Ask children about materials that can be composted, and which things cannot be composted.
3. Provide books and internet access for children to research compostable materials.
4. Discuss the features of an effective poster. Suggestions may include: bright and eye catching colours, use of persuasive language or use of language effects such as rhyme or alliteration.
5. Ask children to create a poster to persuade their classmates and school staff to compost suitable materials. They should include information on which materials to compost, and information on the benefits of compost.
6. Display their posters around school.

Ways to extend this activity

Children could make a persuasive leaflet with more information. Ask children to prepare an assembly about compost and growing plants, and allow them to perform it to the school..

National Curriculum Links

Describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature. Explore the requirements of plants for growth. Describe how living things are classified into broad groups based on observable characteristics, including microorganisms. Plan, draft and edit their writing.