Make Your Own Worm Hotel

Science Experiment

Method

- 1. You are going to create a layer effect in the jar, using sand and soil.
- 2. Start by pouring about 1" of sand into the bottom of the jar.
- 3. Then, alternate between 1" layers of sand and soil until the layers reach the top of the jar.
- 4. Pour some water on top of the layers and then put the earthworms on top.
- 5. The worms should start to burrow downwards straight away.
- 6. To keep the inside of the jar dark, stick your dark paper around the outside of the jar.
- 7. Leave the top off the jar so the worms get some air.
- 8. Leave the jar for 3-4 days then pull the paper off.
- 9. Have the worms moved through the jar?
- 10. Can you still see layers of soil and sand?
- 11. As the worms have travelled, they have mixed all the layers together!
- 12. Return the worms to their natural habitat after being in the jar for about a week.

You will need:

Large glass jar

Sand

Potting soil

Dark coloured construction paper

Sticky tape

3-4 big, healthy earthworms

Water



