**Learning about Earthworms**

**Learning Outcome 4.2 Children develop a wide range of skills and processes such as, inquiry, hypothesising, researching and investigating.**

Children develop the skills needed to become effective learners, including those which help them solve problems, experiment with resources, research information, conduct investigations and predict outcomes.

**Questions you can ask:** Remember there are no wrong answers – thinking skills are important.

What do worms eat? Do worms have legs? How do worms move? Do worms have eyes? How do they see? How do worms breathe? What do worms eat ? Can worms hear? Do worms have bones?

**Conversation example:** [Worms are Fun YouTube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s5wSeRpTRcw)

**Activities**

* [Earthworm Lifecycle](http://earthwormresources.weebly.com/reproduction-and-development.html) - print for an interest centre. Provide drawing materials so children can draw earthworms
* [Build a wormery](http://preschoolpowolpackets.blogspot.com/2015/07/build-your-own-wormery.html)
* [Make a pretend worm farm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaSoMOVyCao)
* Build a real worm farm - this may be too expensive but many stores sell worm starter kits eg Bunnings Live Worm Starter Pack $ 49.90 [Make a worm farm Bunnings video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arb2RX_69uQ)
* Search for books about worms from your local library using the search term earthworms
* Make a worm collage - use circles, sticky dots, paint dots or draw circles for worm segments, or make wool worms. Include the tiny hairs
* [Make jelly worms](http://adventuresandplay.com/edible-jelly-worms-day-63/)
* Sing worm songs eg [Worms Worms Worms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3YKMT0Zu0E)  and [Five little worms on the Garden Wall](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsQrZYUOMqM)
* Dance like worms eg [Wiggly Woo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdWsez-CD5o)
* Engage in dramatic play with worm sock puppets
* More activity ideas are also discussed [here](https://hubpages.com/education/Earthworms-Fun-activities-to-help-kids-learn-about-worms)