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George Eliot

Children’s Workshop #1: How to make the best-ever compost (and take some home)

One teaspoon of soil contains more living organisms than there are people in the world!

To help your plants grow big and strong, your plants need healthy food! Come to this workshop and learn how to make rich, nutritious organic compost from food waste.

In this workshop, you will learn about:

1. What happens to stuff when you bury them;
2. The role of worms, bugs and scavengers;
3. How compost helps your plants grow – a mini science lesson;
4. Making compost from kitchen scraps;
5. How to use the compost you make;
6. Potting a plant to take home.

What you will take home after the workshop:

1. Compost in a compostable cup (ready to be planted straight into the soil in your garden);
2. A plant that you potted.

Cost per participant = £5 (max 15 per session)

Related pages from the book *Handbook for Budding Little Gardeners*: 45-47

Learning objective:

Some 3 million tonnes of topsoil are lost in the UK each year. Globally, 24 billion tonnes are lost annually, 3.4 tonnes for every adult and child on the planet. Experts estimate that British soils are so degraded that they will only be able to support 100 more harvests, and we are heading towards an agricultural crisis. The land we have for agriculture is increasingly over-farmed. Depleted soil results in fruits and vegetables that have low nutritional value. Learning how to look after soil is the first step to healing the planet and its people.



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Children’s Workshop #2: Come and meet my plant friends (and take one home)

Plants are cool and they have different personalities, just like people! Come and meet my plant friends, learn about them, and take a new friend home.

In this workshop, you will learn about:

1. Biodiversity introduction via meeting different types of common houseplants;
2. Why plants look different (e.g. why cheese plants are called cheese plants and why they have holes in their leaves);
3. Relating the above to their natural habitat/geography;
4. How to look after a plant;
5. Cactus Pete and his woes.

What you will take home after the workshop:

1. A plant friend!
2. A worksheet

Cost per participant = £5 (max 15 per session)

Related pages from the book *Handbook for Budding Little Gardeners*: 16-32

Learning objective:

We are destroying the world’s forests, grasslands, mangrove swamps, coral reefs and peatlands at an alarming rate in the name of ‘progress’. With the destruction of ecosystems comes loss of species of both plants and animals: one million species are threatened with extinction, with the Living Planet Index declining by 68% since 1970. A damaged ecosystem has a negative impact on climate change as well as food and water security and the future of the planet. Learning the importance of plant diversity and loving plants from a young age fosters an environmental stewardship mindset.