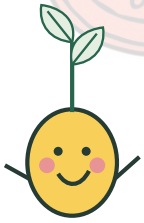
Life Beneath Our Feet

Explore a little soil and look for signs of life.



Little growers, big discoveries

15 MIN | SOIL AND LIVING THINGS | AGES 5+ WITH AN ADULT

Grab your kit

A small amount of garden soil chosen by an adult, a shallow tray, a spoon, paper and a pencil. A magnifying glass is optional.

Your discovery mission

1. Ask an adult to choose soil from a suitable place, away from animal mess or sharp litter. Put a small amount on the tray.
2. Gently spread it with a spoon. Look for roots, leaf pieces and any moving creatures.
3. Draw what you find. Describe how a creature moves without picking it up or guessing its name.
4. Return the soil and any creatures promptly to the place they came from. Wash your hands.

What did you discover?

Things I saw: _____
Something living I noticed: _____

Draw your discovery

Let’s wonder...

If you cannot see any creatures, does that mean nothing lives in the soil?

NEXT ADVENTURE

Compare your drawing with a nature guide. Some soil life is too small to see without specialist equipment.

Do not touch unknown creatures or put soil near your face. An adult checks the soil first; keep creatures shaded and return them gently.