



Compost Food Chain

Did You Know? There is a range of organisms hard at work in your compost bin. But they need aerobic conditions: one with free oxygen.

A song that demonstrates the role of food chains in the composting process.

An activity that can be done as part of your wider study into composting..

Key Facts:

In Merseyside & Halton, waste that is put in your normal household wheelie bin (i.e the things that are not collected for recycling) are sent to an Energy from Waste facility. Here the waste is burned and in turn, electricity is generated. Landfill is not used in our area anymore.

Nearly one third of what families throw out can be composted easily at home.

Curriculum Links for this activity:

- Music: Using voices expressively and creatively to play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts.
- PHSE: Make links between cause and effect.
- Science: Food chains and food webs.

Learning Outcome:

I will be able to understand the role food webs have in the composting process.

Doing the Activity.

The lyrics to this song are overleaf and have been adapted from a well known and popular American learning song, called 'Food Chain'.

First listen and watch the American version of 'Food Chain' by clicking on the image.

Replace the American version lyrics with those overleaf.

It's a great song to have your class present to the school.

Why not get everyone else involved in the chorus?





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Lyrics.

Plants are producers, they're the sun users, in the food chain.....chain, chain.
They make food from the sun and the food chain has begun, in the food
chain.....chain, chain

Fungi comes along and eats the greens down, in the food chain.....chain, chain
But the greens have more to feed than fungi can eat, in the food chain.....chain,
chain

*Chorus: Predator and prey, producers and decay are in a food chain.....chain,
chain (2x)*

Snails they might slow down, but they like eating browns, in the food chain.....chain,
chain
Worms you will go 'eeew' but they like to bite and chew in the food chain.....chain,
chain

Springtails come along and finish up what fungi's done, in the food chain.....chain,
chain
Woodlice thinks it's nice, to chomp on worm's detritus, in the food chain.....chain,
chain

Chorus

Ants they might be hasty as to them springtails are tasty, in the food chain.....chain,
chain
9 months down the line, your compost looks quite fine, in the food chain.....chain,
chain

Chorus

Compost grows the seed, to make the food we need in the food chain.....chain, chain
So the food chain never ends, it just begins again, in the food chain.....chain, chain

You can see from this song how energy moves along, in the food chain.....chain,
chain
So eat your greens my friend but think of where they've been, in the food
chain.....chain, chain

Chorus

