

Hungry Chicks

Explore signs of spring and food webs whilst developing fine motor skills in this fun game.

You will need

- Scissors
- Pegs
- Pipe cleaners or string (or cut out the worms printed on this sheet)

Discussion points

- **Signs of spring**
e.g. nest building and baby animals
- **Food webs**
e.g. earthworms help to break down leaves which provides more nutrients in the soil for plants, and are also a food source for birds

Before the game

- Make some 'worms'. You could use pipe cleaners, cut small pieces of string or cut out the worms printed on this page. Hide the 'worms' around your setting, this could be in the garden, the classroom or inside the home.

How to play

- You may like to begin by talking about the suggested discussion points.
- Explain that there is a nest full of hungry chicks (use the image overleaf) and that the children are going to be the adult birds finding food for the hungry chicks.
- Provide each child with a peg and explain that this is their 'beak'. They are going to search for the hidden worms and use their 'beaks' to pick them up and place them into the hungry mouths of the chicks. You might like to make some 'cheep' noises to imitate the calls chicks make to their parents during the game.
- Once all the worms are collected you may like to count how many worms you found!

Endogeic worms
soil-eaters

Epigeic worms
surface dwellers

Anecic worms
vertical burrowers

