Worms are an important source of food for birds like the Song Thrush. Worms can use their body rings to grip the soil to stop birds pulling them out.

Below the surface worms are busy breaking down organic matter and releasing nutrients into the soil.

Below and below the soil

**WEEK 1**
5/3/19 PLANTING
Time to plant your chitted seeds.

**WEEK 5**
Roots and stolons will be developing from the nodes.

**WEEK 7**
You should now be able to see your potato plants breaking through the soil.

**WEEK 10**
Due to all of your hard work and regular watering the tubers are beginning to form.

**WEEK 14**
11/6/19 HARVESTING
Hopefully now your potato plants look something like this with lots of potatoes ready for harvesting.

**WEEK 18**
Due to all of your hard work and regular watering the tubers are beginning to form.

**WEEK 22**
As shoots appear in your bags, top up with soil.

**WEEK 26**
Keep topping up your soil until you get to the top of the bag - then let it grow.

**WEEK 30**
As a general rule - the more worms there are the better the soil.

**WEEK 34**
Worm poo makes really good plant food.

**Chitting**
19th Feb x 2 weeks

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Keep track of who is watering your plants and how big they are growing.

Download the 'Wiggly Worms' worksheet from www.growyourownpotatoes.org.uk

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REMINDER
Potato plants prefer not to be in direct sunlight, but equally don't like shade. Find the right spot and your plant will thrive.

PLANT HEALTH
Test your soil to a dept of 5cm and gently water if too dry. Do not water if soil is already wet.