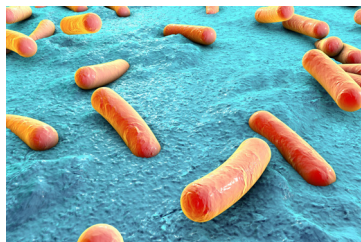




humus: the finished compost



worms and insects



bacteria



fungi and mould

Worms and insects: The compost bin provides a safe habitat for these creatures, and plenty of food. As well as eating the scraps, they feed on the fungi and bacteria in the bin.

Bacteria: These are Earth's smallest living things. They are good at breaking down the food scraps. You can help them grow and multiply by mixing up the compost regularly.

Fungi and mould: These sound yucky, but they are important for a healthy compost bin. When you see green or white stuff on a piece of fruit, that's mould hard at work breaking it down.