




# Wild Words – the Poetry of Plants

## Programme Description

Inspired by the bestselling book 'The Lost Words' by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris, this programme helps to hone your observation skills and train your senses as you explore the gardens. We will build up a collection of 'wonder words' to describe what we see, feel, hear, smell and touch, and create a 'word-hoard' which can be used back at school to conjure up your own poems that capture the essence of your experience to share with others.

 **Length:** Half day    **Age Group:** P4-7    **Availability:** Regionals Schools' Weeks 2023

 **Price:** Free (thanks to support by Players of the Postcode Lottery)

## Learning Outcomes

- We will explore how poets (and other creative artists) use the natural world for inspiration.
- We will use different skills and techniques to help your learners discover ways to explore expressive language.
- We will collect words together to use to create poems later.

## Curriculum Links

To show my understanding across different areas of learning, I can identify and consider the purpose and main ideas of a text. [LIT 1-16a / 2-16a](#)

By considering the type of text I am creating, I can select ideas and relevant information, organise these in a logical sequence and use words which will be interesting and/or useful for others. [LIT 1-26a / 2-26a](#)

I have explored my senses and can discuss their reliability and limitations in responding to the environment. [SCN 1-12b](#)

## What to Expect

- Your students will take part in a variety of hands-on activities in the garden, facilitated by one of our learning team.
- Your accompanying staff and adults will be actively involved in supporting the students throughout the session.
- Most of this programme takes place outside so appropriate clothing and shoes should be worn.
- Please let us know any specific needs of your group beforehand so we can make adaptations if necessary.
- Our learning staff will make sure that children get a short health and safety briefing before the session.

## How to Book

To book please complete our online booking request form on [our website](#).

If you have any enquiries, please contact the office at [schools@rbge.org.uk](mailto:schools@rbge.org.uk)

## Expanded Learning

Explore the [Wild Words online area](#) for suggested classroom and outdoor activities to help you expand the learning from your visit. For more plant adventures visit our online [Teacher Patch](#) where new activities are blooming all the time!

## Build your Programme – coming in autumn 2024!

Look out for news of our expanding offer as we get ready to launch our new programme in the 2024-25 academic year. Options will include on-site visits to our gardens, online resources, virtual classroom sessions, outreach visits, and teacher and practitioner CLPL/CPD courses.

