Wild Words: the Poetry of Plants

Age: P4-7
Length: 1.5 hours
Availability: March — June

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 we look at creative ways of investigating plants. We will explore the relationship between poetry and nature, and find exciting ways of using language and creativity to explore the garden.

Curriculum links

LIT 1-16a / 2-16a, LIT 1-26a / 2-26a, SCN 1-12b

Learning outcomes

Your learners will be able to:

- Explore how poets (and other creative artists) use the natural world for inspiration.
- Practice different skills and techniques to explore expressive language.
- Gather creative words that can be used to write poems later.
- Practice the meta-skills of creativity and curiosity.

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On the day

- Your students will take part in a variety of hands-on activities in the garden, facilitated by one of our learning team. These encourage curiosity and connecting with both poetry and nature through observation and sensory exploration.
- There will be opportunities to work in pairs and in small groups so you may find it useful to organise your groups according to number of adult helpers. Groups will always work in the same area of the garden overseen by our learning staff.
- 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.

To book this workshop, please visit our website.

Online resources

Our Schools' Online Learning Area is blooming with a variety of learning resources to help young people and their educators have fun while learning about the important work of the botanic gardens.

We have a mix of learning resources and plant adventures for primary children; secondary and young adults; educators; and families. Explore our website to find out which resources might be suitable for you and/or your class.

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