Secrets of Trees

Age: P1-3
Length: 1.5 hours
Availability: March — June

Programme description

Use your senses and observation skills to find out secrets of the trees and why they are an important part of our world. Enjoy a journey through the garden to discover something special about each part of a tree – from root to leaf – and learn more about what they do.

Learning outcomes

Your learners will be able to:

- Identify the parts of a tree and how they work.
- Discover the needs of trees and how they contribute to our environment.
- Explore the different parts of a tree using their senses.
- Create a piece of natural art that demonstrates our understanding.
- Practice the meta-skills of sense-making and curiosity.

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On the day

- We will start with a drama to learn how all the parts of a tree work together and then focus on each part of the tree through sensory activities, ending with a celebratory natural art activity of the whole tree.
- 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.
- Our learning staff will make sure that children get a short health and safety briefing before the session.

To book this workshop, please visit our website.

Curriculum links

SCN 0-03a, SOC 0-08a, SCN 0-12a

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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