



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-choard' 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:** Aug-Oct, Mar-Apr, Summer Term

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.
- We will practice the meta-skills of creativity and curiosity.

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 the opportunity to choose and explore a range of media and technologies to create images and objects, discovering their effects and suitability for specific tasks (including using visual elements) [EXA 1-02a / 2-02a](#):

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. These encourage curiosity and connecting with both poetry and nature through observation and sensory exploration.
- 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

Expanded Learning

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

Our Learning Offer at the Botanic

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