

Early Years Foundation Stage: A visit to the gardens



Welcome: General Housekeeping: Health and Safety

- Group welcomed in Stable yard
- Lunch packs stored
- Toilet visit
- Working grounds vehicles moving around - be careful
- Living animals and plants - be kind
- Water warning – don't get too close

Exploring the Gardens: Looking at the Land

- The park is lots of different gardens - each one feels like a special place
- Look at the different shapes, plants and animals
- What can you see, smell, hear touch
- Walk up the hill to the Warren, this wide open space was a long time ago used by the monks to keep rabbits to eat!

Bug Hunts in Sir David's Garden

- Look at the trees and the plants – what is hiding the garden? What animals are living in different plants and spaces?
- Are there any creatures hiding in the garden features?
- In small groups search Sir David's Garden looking for identifying mini-beasts
- Conversations about habitats, identification and classification

Look at Plants in the Wilderness

- What can you see? Different plants between flowers, shrubs, trees etc.
- Look at the different parts of the plants e.g. stem, flower, leaf etc.
- Can you find lumps and bumps in the ground? Who do you think lives there?

Where do plants come from Rose Garden

- Find some nice smelling flowers and plants
- What colours and shapes can you find?
- Where have the plants come from seeds, cuttings etc.?

Where does our food come from Walled Gardens

- This is where the family grow herbs, fruit and vegetables
- What herbs, fruits and vegetables can you see?
- Why are some of the fruits and vegetables in cages?
- What parts of the plant do we eat? Flower, leaf, seed, stem, root what do the different parts do?
- Garden words – look for the tools, cold frames, green houses

Sights, shapes and sounds Orpheus and the Mound

- Go down into Orpheus - what can you hear and see?
- At the mound go to the different sides point out Orpheus, the house, the deer and the road
- What shapes can you see?