



## *Teacher's Notes*

# SEE MY GARDEN GROW

*Duration: 1½ hours. Available: April - September (alternative times by arrangement)*

National Curriculum - KS1

Science Unit 1b Growing Plants

Science Unit 2b Plants and animals in the local environment.

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## *The Visit Aims*

- To arouse pupils awareness and curiosity about gardens and the environment of a historical garden. The sights, sounds and smells of a garden.
- To provide children with a seasonal summer garden visit, looking at plants and parts of plants, their growing requirements and some differences and similarities between different plant types.
- To look at the different uses of plants, flowers, fruits, herbs and vegetables and their place in the garden.
- To encourage pupils to examine and interpret the environment through a variety of perspectives ie aesthetic, physical, biological, sensory etc.
- To appreciate gardens and the work of gardeners and their role in supporting nature.
- To foster respect for flora and fauna and assist in informed decision making.

## *The Visit*

Morning sessions start at 10.00am prompt, afternoon sessions start at 1.00pm prompt.

Your group will be met by a gardener guide at the Peach house entrance to the Walled garden. A guided tour of the garden will inform the children about the different types of plants grown and what the plants require to grow successfully. Parts of plants will be identified and named and some differences and similarities looked at between different plant groups.

The vegetable garden, soft fruits and rose garden will be looked at.

The bee-hives may be observed from a distance, the role of the bee and other insects in the garden explained.

**Practical activities** (sowing seeds). To demonstrate how plants are cultivated from seed, the children have the opportunity to sow some seeds in pots. The activity is supervised by the gardener and an explanation given to the method used and the type of seed planted.

### **Health and Safety.**

Gloves are available for simple seed planting activity

Washing hands in toilet facilities available.

'See my Garden Grow' risk assessment available.



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## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

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### *Background Information*

Croxteth Hall is at the heart of what was once a great country estate and was the ancestral home of the Molyneux family (Earls of Sefton). The Hall together with the Victorian Walled Garden, Home Farm and 500 acres of parkland provide us with a unique record of a way of life that no longer exists. The 2 acre (0.8 hectares) Walled Garden at Croxteth Hall functioned as a large kitchen garden - rather like a super allotment! The Head Gardener, with a large staff of under-gardeners, was charged with the task of producing an "all the year round" supply of fruit and vegetables.

The Walled Garden offers an excellent educational resource to study plants in a wonderfully spectacular setting.

### *Resources Available*

- The Victorian Walled Garden Colour Guide.
- 'See My Garden Grow' Risk Assessment.
- A packet of 'See My Garden Grow' seeds, to be planted as part of the session.

### *Visit Notes*

**Supervision** - for every guided visit it is necessary to have sufficient adults with your party to comply with your risk assessment and LEA guidelines.

**Timing** - sessions start at 10.00am (and 1.00pm). We would suggest that you arrive 15 minutes in advance of your session to allow time for parking, payment, etc.

**Parking** - all school parties should arrive via the main entrance off Muirhead Avenue East and park in the public car park. The Hall is a 300 metre walk from the car park.

**Clothing** - All participants should wear suitable outdoor clothing with strong shoes or boots - waterproofs are recommended in case of inclement weather.

**Charge** - Please refer to the current Education Opportunities booklet or booking form.

**Payment** - Please make payment at the GIFT SHOP on arrival at the front of the Hall. Cheques to be made payable to 'Croxteth Hall'

**Further information** - about this visit and other facilities are detailed in the 'Educational Opportunities' leaflet available from Croxteth Hall & Country Park  
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