

RHS GARDEN ROSEMOOR

Self Guided Activity Ideas for Schools

Key Stage 2

PLANT NAME ACROSTICS

How long will it take?

30 minutes to 1 hour

What do I need to bring?

Pencils and paper

How do we do it?

Choose a plant that interests you in the garden. Choose words which reflect its nature or setting to produce a plant acrostic. Plants in the garden have labels but are named with their latin names, not their common name. The children can use these as they will be finding words to describe what they see, not necessarily what they know.

Where can we do it?

All around the garden

When can we do it?

All year round



Examples of a plant acrostic:

WINDS
CARRY
COTTON
THREADS
ORACLE
CLOCKS
PICK
ONE
NOW

Taraxacum officinale

GREETINGS
YOU
STALKY
DELIGHTFUL
AGREEABLE
COMPANION
AROMATIC
GOLDEN
FRIEND

Solidago virgaurea

Follow Up Activity at school

- Decorate their acrostics with drawings or collage
- Write a poem about their plant using the words from their acrostic. They could try to write these so they form a silhouette of the flower. Some flower poems by various poets can be found for inspiration on: www.blackcatpoems.com/f/flower_poems.html