

Plants and Princes – KS2

Teacher Notes

Length: 60 minutes

Meeting point:

Your presenter will meet you in **Clock Court**. Please arrive at least five minutes before your session is due to begin.

About the session:

This session takes place mainly outdoors in the Tudor Chapel Garden, the formal Stuart Privy Gardens and the wildernesses of the Georgians. Pupils will have the opportunity to find out how royal gardeners through the ages grew plants from exotic lands for monarchs to eat, use as medicine and to enjoy aesthetically.

Pupils will learn how the gardens changed according to the fashions of the day, the different ways in which the plants were used, where they came from and how the royal Gardeners looked after them.

Please note that this is an outdoor session so pupils will need to bring appropriate outdoor wear. The session will still take place outdoors unless weather conditions are extreme, in which case it will take place inside the palace.

New National Curriculum links at KS2:

History

- A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge beyond 1066
- A local history study
- Changes in an aspect of social history (gardens and gardening)
- Contrasts and trends over time

Geography

- Human and Physical Geography: rivers/water cycle, climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, distribution of natural resources, e.g. water, trade links
- Geographical Skills and Fieldwork: simple compass directions
- Locational Knowledge: how land use has changed over time

Science

- Plants: identify parts and functions; requirements for life and growth; the idea that plants can make their own food
- Rocks : soil made from rocks and organic matter



- Living Things and their Habitats: environments change, causing problems for living things
- States of Matter: change in state, e.g. evaporation
- Forces: gravity

Art & Design

- Find out about great artists, architects and designers in history

Design & Technology

- Understand how key events and individuals in design and technology have helped shape the world
- Design - as a means to create products that are fit for purpose
- Evaluate how key individuals have helped shape the world we live in
- Cooking and Nutrition: seasonality

During your session:

Please note that the 1:10 ratio (KS2) which we ask for throughout your visit to Hampton Court Palace, still applies during your teaching session. We ask that sufficient adults remain with the group as they will be encouraged to join in with the session activities. Our workshops are designed for a health and safety maximum of x35 pupils per session. For your information this session will take place partly on route and partly in a classroom within the palace.

