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Tree-mendous Tree Trail for KS1 & KS2 (Teachers’ Notes)

**Exploring trees:**

**Key Stage 1**

* Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants including deciduous and evergreen trees.
* Identify and describe the structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees.
* Observe changes across the seasons.

**Key Stage 2**

* Explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal.

These teacher’s notes accompany the Garden Museum’s Tree Trail of Archbishop’s Park which is a park close to the museum. The tree trail is an A4 double sided worksheet which is available to download from our website. Pencils, envelopes and ideally clipboards are needed for completing the worksheet.

The nearest entrance to Archbishop’s Park from the Garden Museum is from Lambeth Road. The entrance is along a footpath from the main road. On entering the park the area of trees that the Tree Trail focuses on is in the left hand side where there is a nature trail with signage.

**Worksheet Side 1.**

The three main trees that Side 1 of the worksheet focuses on are all in this area – Indian Bean Tree (*Catalpa bignonioides)*, Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*) and the Whitebeam (*Sorbus aria*). Note that Latin names are written in italics. Reference is made to the Blue Atlas Cedar which is in the children’s play area and can be seen from s distance (it resembles a Christmas tree).

**Worksheet Side 2.**

On Side 2 reference is made to pollination, pollinators and seed dispersal. Children are encouraged to collect leaves and seeds in an envelope. Children should be cautioned about picking up things from the ground. Hands should be washed afterwards or antibacterial wipes or liquid used.