

Plant and kit wishlist

Top priorities are in bold

Phase 1 flower garden wishlist

We would like to plant easy-care shrubs, climbers, bedding and bulbs to give us lovely all year round colour. We'd love to have lots of flowers that are good for pollinators which means natural types with simpler flowers are better than highly bred plants with lots of petals that make it hard for bees to get in. Lots of ideas here for pollinator-friendly planting: https://www.rhs.org.uk/science/pdf/conservation-and-biodiversity/wildlife/rhs_perfectforpollinators_plantlist-jan15

Autumn 2016

- **Flowers to spruce up our rainbow flower bed, to flower over autumn/winter:**
 - a. **Pansies preferably red, yellow, orange or blue/purple**
 - b. **Cyclamen plants preferably red or pink**
 - c. **Primulas in bright colours of the rainbow**
 - d. **Snapdragons in bright colours of the rainbow**
- **More sedums for the top of the bug hotel**
- Herbs especially parsley, mint, chives, tarragon
- Wallflowers
- Michaelmas daisies in blue/purple (not too big please)
- Lavender – any kind

Spring 2017

- Hardy fuschia collection – they look like little ballet dancers
- Australian Tree Fern for our dinosaur corner
- Other hardy ferns for our dinosaur corner
- More climbers for the roadside to flower across the year – eg passionflower, trachelospermum jasminoides (evergreen and flowers like jasmine)
- Summer flowering plants – preferably pollinator friendly and in bright cheery colours
- Sunflower seeds various colours
- Sweet pea seeds any colour of the rainbow
- Cress seeds for gardening club

- Autumn flowering bulbs

Bulbs wishlist – any colour of the rainbow!

Whatever you fancy but we would especially love:

- Daffodils (including extras for pupils to plant in pots)
- Tulips (especially in red and orange)
- English bluebells (not the Spanish ones which are invasive)
- Scylla (lovely blue colour)
- Crocus
- Snowdrops
- Cyclamen hederifolium

Phase 2 kitchen garden – once site is ready (over winter we hope)

- Apple trees (talk to us about which – we need to choose the right combination so they cross-fertilise)
- Other fruit trees eg pear/plum? (talk to us about which – we need to have at least two of each kind that flower at the same time to get fruit)
- Blueberry bushes
- Autumn fruiting raspberries
- Wild strawberries
- Other fruit bushes – preferably not prickly
- Other annual fruit and veg plants eg lettuce, broccoli, cherry tomatoes, etc. – we are open minded
- seeds suitable for outdoor kitchen garden eg
 - a. peas
 - b. climbing runner and other beans various colours
 - c. dwarf French beans various colours
 - d. carrots (preferably carrot fly resistant varieties)
 - e. lettuce various shapes/colours
 - f. radishes
 - g. herbs eg basil

- h. outdoor cucumbers
 - i. beetroot various colours
 - j. swiss chard various colours
 - k. sweetcorn
 - l. pumpkin
 - m. kale?
 - n. Onion sets
 - o. Mushrooms to grow in a box
- [we don't need potatoes – we have free ones coming from “potatoes for schools”]
 - [if we reach RHS award level 3 we will get three free boxes of fruit and veg plug plants]
 - Pea sticks

Kit wishlist

Ongoing needs

- **Bamboo canes**
- **Plant ties**
- **Twine**
- **Nice-looking big plant labels (ideally wooden)**
- **Composted manure – you can order for £3.30 a bag from <http://www.thecompostcentre.co.uk/> with free delivery to the school – payment needs to be by cash or cheque**
- Manure (we can put unrotted manure into compost bin to rot down)
- Small pots
- Potting compost

One off purchases

- **Electric lawnmower**
- **Small watering cans for kids to use**
- **Adults tools: trowels, secateurs/loppers and light spades**
- Scissors

- Childrens trowels
- Kneelers – kids or adult size
- Bean frame
- Bird feeder / feeding station
- Bird bath (with fixed top so it's safe – many are loose)
- Small shed or lockable garden store (talk to us about which)
- Large retractable hose
- Sprinkler
- Big compost bins for kitchen garden
- Small compost bins for classrooms – we have enough for this year but need more for future years
- seed trays
- cold frames