

Found Words

Summary:

Found Words is a young person's answer to 'The Lost Words', a beautiful book by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris about the words we use to describe nature that are being lost from our language.

The book has sparked an outpouring of creativity, beauty and passion across the world and we hope it will inspire you too.

It also inspired a project for the extremely isolated pupils from Bridge Schools during lockdown. We encouraged pupils to look and look again at the natural world around them, then create beautiful work inspired by what they saw (however small that world felt at the time).

The results were so lovely we asked some of the pupils, who decided to call themselves the Eden Ambassadors, to write instructions for other young people.

We are sharing this record of the project to hopefully inspire you to have a go too.

Key info


- A series of creative activities inspired by nature.
- Adaptable for KS 1 to KS 3
- This activity needs a minimum of 1.5 hrs but could be a lot longer.
- It offers flexible suggestions covering science, art, music and English.

Activity Details

Follow the instructions in the presentations, they are full of suggestions and examples to inspire and guide you through the process. Feel free to use the ideas however you want: be brave, creative and playful. (They were edited by the Ambassadors and there's a lot there)

1 - Introduction – setting the scene. In here you will find an introduction by the 'Eden Ambassadors' of Bridge Schools, who shaped the project and wrote the presentations. There are some extra resources on the last slide, but the list is by no means comprehensive.

2 - Outdoor activities – Curated by the Eden Project, in here you'll find instructions for some simple nature connection activities to try. They encourage young people

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to explore the outside world and to look, and look again, gathering ideas, words and feelings based on their experiences. If you enjoy doing them, we've more suggestions [here](#).

3 - Examples of work – Including poems and drawings by Robert McFarlane, Jackie Morris and the students of Bridge School.

4 - Top tips – created by the 'Eden Ambassadors' and their teachers from Bridge Schools to create your own beautiful pieces of work and illustrations.

This project has inspired words photography, dance and music, all based on very personal interactions with the world around us. We'd love to know where it takes you education@edenproject.com

Resources

You will need:

- The 4 presentations
- Writing and drawing materials
- Outdoor clothing
- Somewhere safe to sit outside and time to develop creative ideas inside

Information about the lost Word Book

www.thelostwords.org/lostwordsbook

Eva John's stunning KS2 and KS3 Lost Words resources

www.thelostwords.org/resources

Lost Spells is an equally lovey sequel which introduces a beautiful new set of natural spell-poems and artwork by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris.

Each "spell" conjures an animal, bird, tree or flower with which we share our lives and landscapes

www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/oct/02/the-lost-words-followup-the-lost-spells-inspire-action-change-nature-books

The Spell songs

The Spell Songs melds music, literature, language and art, and a bit of magic in appreciation of the wild and wonderful side of nature.

[The Lost Words - Spell Songs - YouTube](#)

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