

The Great Growing Project – 6 Trees & 6 Flowers



Update May 2020

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Mid-point review:

- We are half way through the 3-year delivery phase
- We must review progress

URGENT TO DO

- **Please could I book a date for an initial catch-up with you *this month?*** We will also need to book in a staff meeting session in June (virtual is fine) to ensure we have whole school involvement as we enter the last full year Sept 2020 – July 2021

One Ash:

TO DO

- **Discuss which artists and crafters** you would like to follow as they process the timber over the next 2-3 years and how you will build this into your teaching
- Let us know the best way to keep the children updated – could we post to the website (*there are some profiles there already*)
<https://www.andovertrees.org.uk/one-ash>
- **Plan your own project** to use some of the timber to make something for yourselves
- **Consider how to use** your slice of tree trunk (currently being looked after by Mike on Trinley Estate)

Ash Tree Stream:

Lockdown work from home

James has published activities related to Ash Tree Stream to keep the project alive and to engage with parents. He has sent you details of this and we are directing people via social media. Please would you inform parents and encourage them to take part, reminding them that it is part of the children's work in school. We hope the children have their sketch books at home, but if not, perhaps a folder of loose work could be collected and added to the sketch books when the children can access them again.

Extending the timeframe into the autumn term

Resuming the project in September

The Arts Council has given James permission to pick up the project when children return to school in September. We are incredibly grateful to ACE and to James for their commitment to this project. To maintain continuity, provided Covid-19 restrictions allow, would you consider a teacher swap day to enable the same teacher to continue with James if/ when the children find themselves in a new class in September?

TO DO

- **Use James's resources** if at all possible... and, if you can, let him know what's happening
- **Consider arrangements** for September

NEW! Andover's Ash

We have a plan to extend James's work, link to One Ash, bring in music and create a celebratory performance for the summer of 2022. This would be the bulk of the 6 Trees & 6 Flowers work for the final 18 months and we hope will allow all year groups to engage. Contributing artists James Aldridge, Paul Sartin, Dan Lobb are confirmed and we hope to include others.

TO DO:

- **Please read** the attached document, note down thoughts – we can discuss it when we 'meet'.

Trees & Flower Quizzes 2019-2020: **By now all classes should have done the Trees Quiz and the Wildflowers Quiz** found here: <https://www.andovertrees.org.uk/resources> – this data is key to understanding how the project is working.

Lockdown Resources

We have uploaded resources to the website and renamed the tab 'Learning' (rather than Schools) to encourage parents to take a look. We hope you will be able to use them. If you would like a school grounds spotter sheet tailored to *you*, let me know what's growing in your grounds!

TO DO:

- Check out the webpage <https://www.andovertrees.org.uk/resources>

'Nature in Harmony'

1. '60 Years of Gombe':

We have **funding** from Roots & Shoots - **£250** per school - to undertake wildlife surveys in Harmony Woods, **May 2020 – July 2021**, linked to Gombe 60 years after Dr Jane Goodall founded it – this uses Roots & Shoots online resources. You will be conducting wildlife surveys in Harmony Woods with trained ecologists and carrying out work in class, at school, on Gombe.

TO DO:

- **N.B. Please consider carefully which year group(s)/ class(es)** you would like to involve
- **Take a look** at how Portway are doing this (attached): Gombe Research Y6 including creating a guide for the younger year group who will be doing the field study work in Harmony Woods... when they can!

2. iNaturalist

We hope you have been able to make use of this – we hoped it would help parents and children to use their walks for learning and encourage everyone to notice nature more. To be done anywhere; any walks in Harmony Woods will automatically upload if the project 'Nature in Harmony' has been joined.

TO DO:

- **Share and enjoy**

NEW! Noticing Nature – send us your artwork, drawings

Send us your nature drawings and artwork – help us build an online Gallery for all to share and enjoy.

We are inviting everyone, *all* ages, to send in artwork/ drawings – the theme will change on a monthly basis – all work to be exhibited in our online gallery – all contributions will be entered into a draw for small Andover Trees United thank you gift – selected artwork will be included in new signs for the wood – parents email contributions directly to us, teachers email us anything created in school

STARTER THEME (now till end of month), celebrating *World Bee Day May 20th*: **BEES!**

TO DO:

- **Share, take part** – there will be a dedicated draw for contributions from your schools
- **Read the attached!**

Archaeology 'Between the Barrows 2020':

The 2020 Dig will go ahead but very sadly, we are unable to invite you take part on site. We could, however, send you short videos from the team to show you what's going on... would this be of interest?

TO DO:

- Let us know!