



Gardener's **NOTEBOOK**

Head Gardener



Hillsborough Castle's gardeners are always busy, and they always have been. Old gardeners' notebooks tell us what they got up to every day.

So we know that on 16th March 1960, they spent 5 1/2 hours moving manure – it was probably horse poo.

16	2 1/2	Taking first plants to house
	2	Taking bedding plants to garden at house
	5 1/2	Carting Manure to garden
17	1	going to Smith Bros for petrol
	1	Logs and potatoes to house

1st October 1968

4 Cauliflowers
 8 lb carrots
 6 Parsnips
 6 Lettuce

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2 October 1968

5 Cabbage
 5 lb Tomatoes
 4 lb Runner Beans
 6 lb Peas

M. C. Caherty

The gardeners wrote down all the produce they sold. They measured the weight in "lb." 1lb = 453g (about the same weight as a box of cornflakes). Are any of your favourite fruit or vegetables on this list?

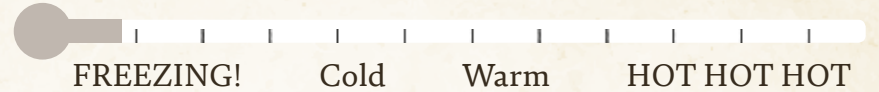
The gardeners didn't have time to draw pictures or be silly, but this notebook is yours and you can be creative.

OBSERVATIONS

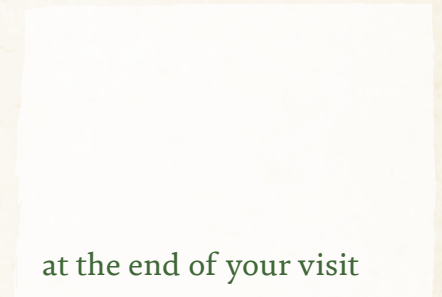
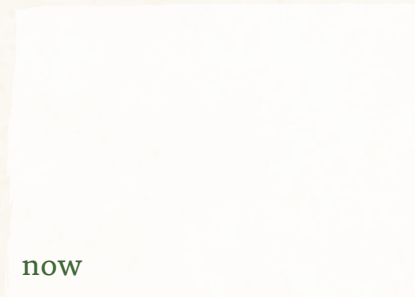
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Season: _____

Mark the temperature on here:

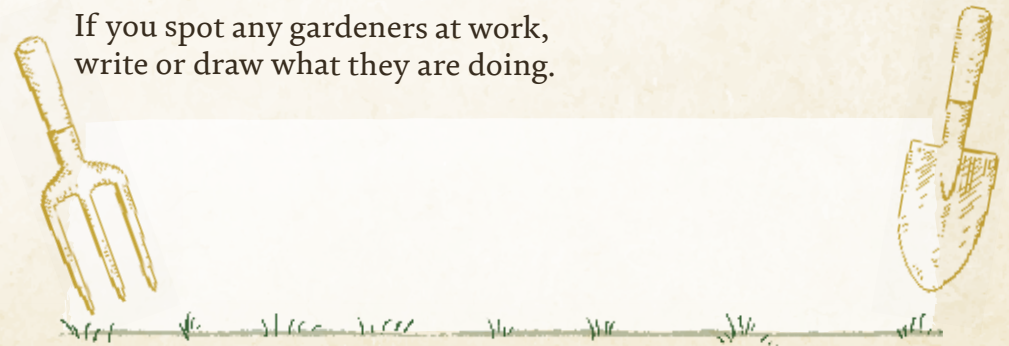


Draw the weather



What does the garden smell like right now?

If you spot any gardeners at work, write or draw what they are doing.

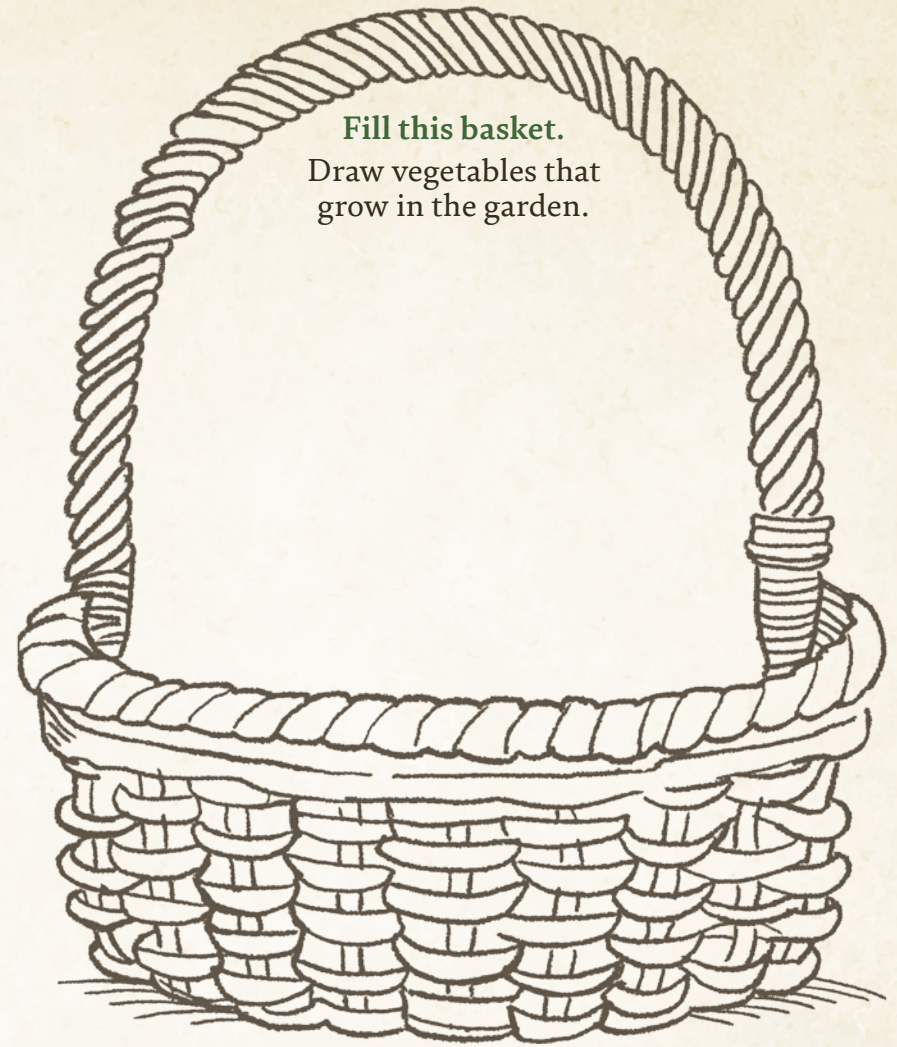


THE WALLED GARDEN

The Walled Garden is full of plants grown for food.

Write a list of fruit, vegetables and herbs in the garden.
Count how many you can find.

NAME	How many?



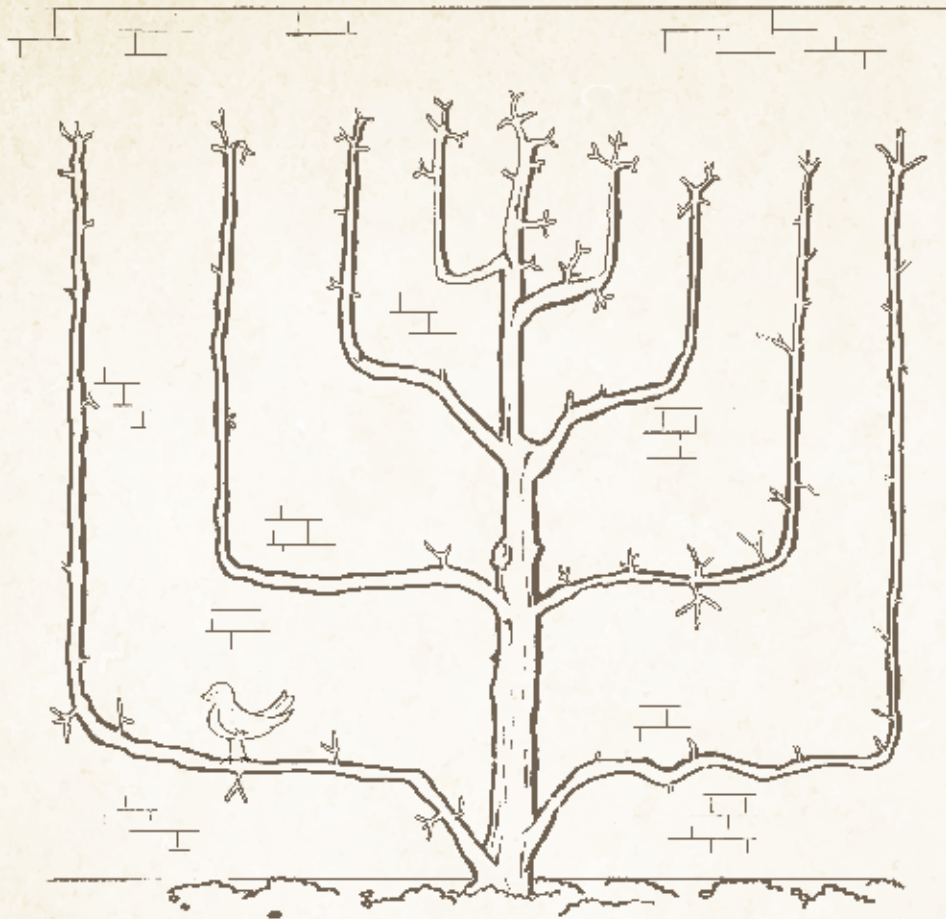
Fill this basket.
Draw vegetables that grow in the garden.

The gardeners have planted lots of different types of apple trees. Each variety has a name. Find your favourite name and write it down.



Find a tree growing up against the wall.

What fruits grow on the tree? Add fruit to the drawing below.



Find and draw as many different types of leaves as you can.



As you wander around the Walled Garden, touch some leaves gently and have a sniff. Describe the smells.

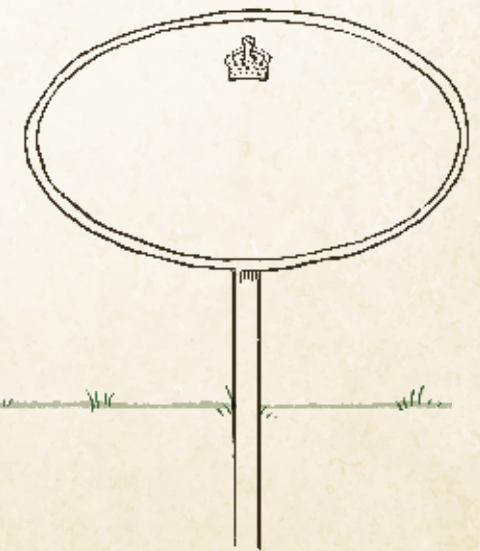
THE GARDENS

There are more gardens to explore beyond the Walled Garden.

Some of the trees in the gardens were planted by grand visitors on special occasions. These trees have plaques next to them, recording the date and the name of the visitor. Can you find some?

Choose your favourite tree and imagine that it was planted by someone special. It could be a real person – maybe you! – or someone you have made up.

Draw the tree here. Add writing to the plaque.



Fill this page with trees and plants.

...a tall one...



...a weird one...



...a spooky one...



...the one I'd most
like to live in...



...a tiny one...



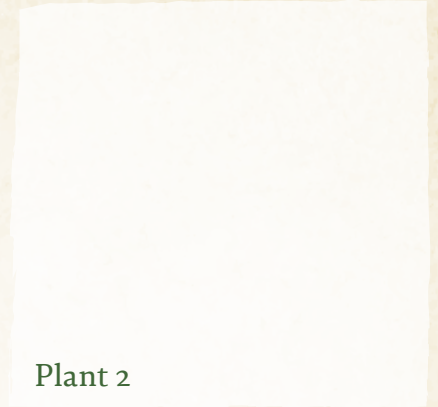
Can you find any flowers blooming in the garden?
Don't pick them, instead **draw a beautiful bunch** here.



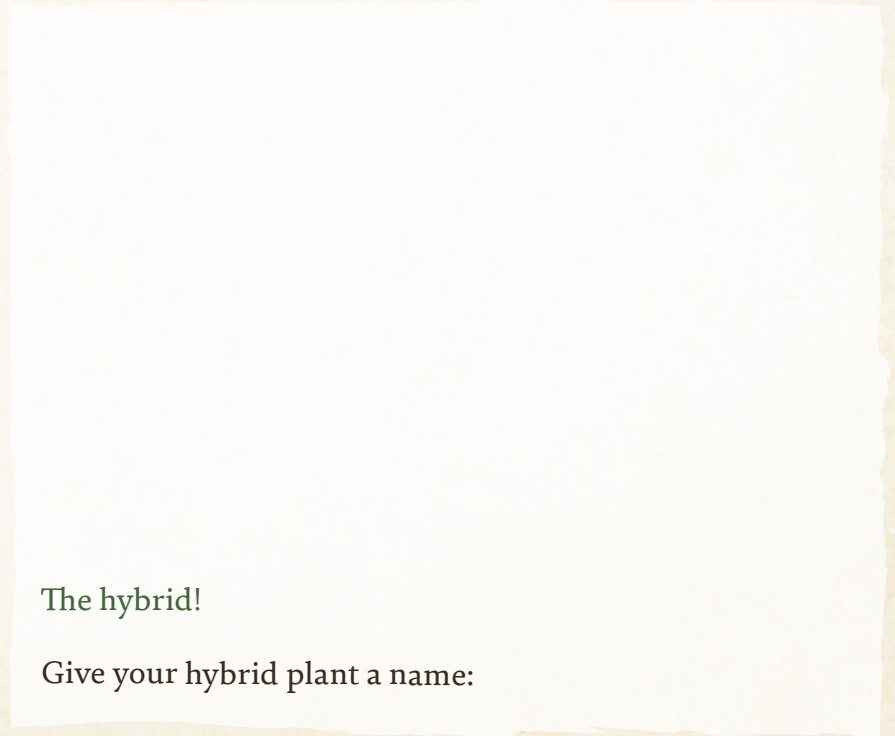
Sometimes gardeners mix two plants together to create a new plant, they call this a hybrid. Design a hybrid plant using two plants you can see in the gardens.



Plant 1



Plant 2



The hybrid!


Give your hybrid plant a name:

ANIMALS


The gardens are home to all sorts of creatures.

Draw them in the chart and count how many you spot.

You can draw extra creatures in the blank spaces.

Beetle	<i>How many?</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	Squirrel	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swan	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Butterfly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Newt	<input type="checkbox"/>
			

If you are very lucky you might see a badger, bat or pine marten. They have been spotted in the gardens, but they usually come out at dusk and night time.

Blue tit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crow	<input type="checkbox"/>
			
Robin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Fox	<input type="checkbox"/>

GARDEN PRODUCE

Over the years, there have been lots of fancy dinners at Hillsborough Castle. Sometimes guests were served food that had been grown in the Walled Garden.

The menu on 26th March 1931 was:

Soup

Scrambled eggs in savoury jelly

Little pastries with peas

Ham

Cold chicken in a creamy sauce

Sausage rolls

Sandwiches

French style oranges

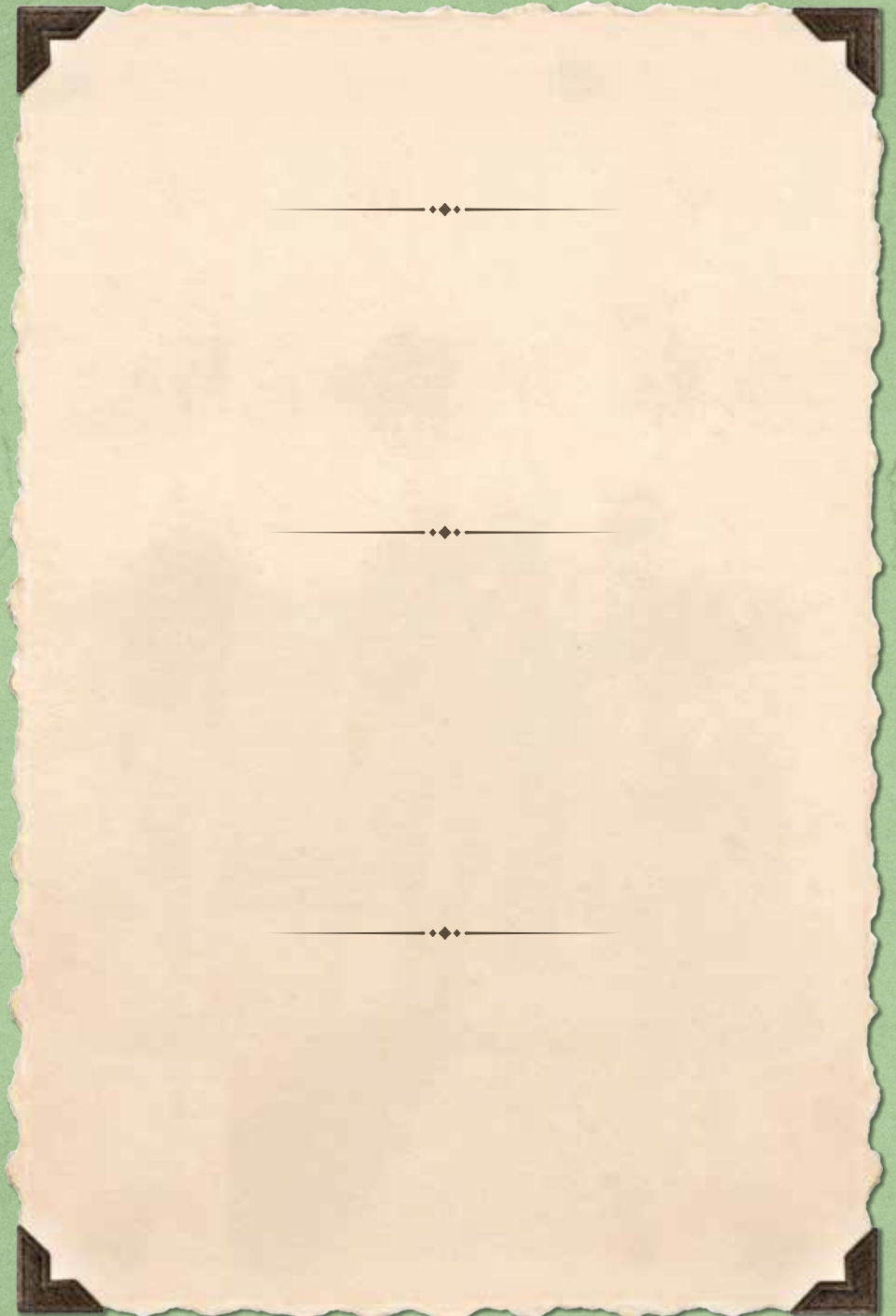
Caramel pudding

Fruit salad


Little cakes


Invent your own menu for dinner at Hillsborough Castle that includes produce grown in the garden. You can look at the list on the first page for ideas, and include things you have seen in the garden today. You could stick to traditional foods, or be more inventive with flowers, trees, or anything else you have spotted...

Write out your menu on the page opposite.



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