

Crafting Creative Writing About the School Kitchen Garden

Subject English

Years 10–11

Learning Intention

Students will develop their descriptive and narrative writing skills by crafting a short story that immerses the reader in a day spent in the school kitchen garden, using vivid imagery, sensory language, and character development.

Curriculum links

English

Strand: EN 3 Writing and Shaping

Sub-strand:

EN 11.3.1 Text types – media, everyday communication, literary texts

EN11.3.4. Language Learning Processes and Strategies.

Learning Outcome

- 11.3.1.1 Compose various text types to communicate ideas for a targeted audience for a variety of purposes.
- 11.3.4.1 Apply a range of writing processes and strategies to construct a wide range of text types to suit an intended audience and purpose

Teaching Activity

Activity Description

Write a **short story** (500–800 words) from the perspective of someone experiencing a memorable day in the school kitchen garden.

The story could be written from the viewpoint of:

- A student discovering the joy of gardening for the first time.
- A teacher reflecting on the impact of the garden on students.
- A plant or insect observing the activities in the garden.

Story Structure

Use this structure to plan your story:

1. **Set the scene:** Use descriptive language to bring the garden to life (sights, sounds, smells, textures).
2. **Introduce a conflict or challenge:** Perhaps a plant is struggling, a student faces a personal challenge, or there's an unexpected visitor in the garden.
3. **Develop the plot** Show how the character interacts with the garden and overcomes the challenge.
4. **Conclude with a reflection:** Finish the story with a lesson learned or a moment of appreciation for nature.

Success Criteria

- ✓ Uses rich sensory details to create a vivid setting.
- ✓ Develops a clear and engaging storyline with a beginning, middle and end.

- ✓ Uses dialogue and inner thoughts to reveal character emotions.
- ✓ Edits and refines writing for fluency, grammar and spelling.

Extension

Illustrate a scene from your story or turn it into a short segment in a graphic novel.