

‘All Change’
Lesson 5: The Garden – Part I



Curriculum focus – History and Art and Design

Look at and discuss the paintings with the class using the Teacher’s Notes. Discuss how Queen Victoria and Prince Albert transformed the garden. The whole design of the garden focused on a sense of tranquillity as well as allowing for study and appreciation of the natural world.

Art and Design Activity

What if your Head teacher and the governors of the School decided to turn part of the playground, or the roof of the school, into a garden with a lake? Draw your design using Buckingham Palace as your inspiration.

How would you encourage everyone to study and appreciate nature? What birds and animals would you keep? What trees and flowers would you plant and why? Would you build an island in the middle of the lake? How would playtime be different?

Create a design for the new garden. Prepare a PowerPoint presentation to show the rest of the school in assembly.

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Sketchbook Activity

Queen Victoria liked to create souvenir albums to mark event and show changes to the Palace. Create your own class souvenir sketchbook to record what your school is like. Try to include as many different forms as you can (*watercolour, pencil or charcoal sketching, mosaic, collage, digital art*).