



# Discovery Garden

Welcome to our first newsletter about the new Discovery Garden. We will be keeping you up to date with our progress and any fundraising events taking place.

As you know, we are trying to improve the outside space behind the hall for the children to enjoy in a different way. There is no funding allocated to this type of work and we will have to fundraise and rely on the goodwill of volunteers.

A working party of enthusiastic staff have been meeting and a design for the garden has been drawn up. There are some changes we can make reasonably easily: we will be moving the shed into a different section of the garden; this will then give us room to move the reading cabin from the forest area. We must thank Mr Turner and Mr Foulkes who are going to help with this. Also, Mr Attree from Fenceworks who has offered some sleepers for edging.

Part of the design plan is to have a path or steps cutting across the grass slope, the path will be edged with pebbles. Each child in school will be given a pebble to paint; the pebbles will then be secured along the edge of the new path. Staff have also said they would like to be included in this part of the project, and it will be a lovely reminder of those who have been part of our school community. We will look to continue this with new children as they arrive at Old Town.

Other parts of the project will be reliant on fundraising and, as well as the **Tabletop Sale on 28<sup>th</sup> February**, we have set up a **JustGiving Page** for donations. If you can share this link, it would be very helpful.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oldtowndiscoverygarden?utm\\_term=bEqJX62XJ&utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/oldtowndiscoverygarden?utm_term=bEqJX62XJ&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

Our wish list is in the early stages, but we know that the following items will be needed:

Compost – for raised beds

Bark – for the top path

Boulders and pebbles – for the rock garden

Weed control membrane

Slate – for the discovery bed

Gazebo – to form the entrance to the garden (estimate £500)

Landscaping – herbs/plants/bulbs/seeds/climbing plants

Wood for decking area (estimate £800)

Slabs for hard standing area for Shed

Thank you for your support, we will update you regularly as the project progresses.  
Discovery Garden working party.

