EXPLORERS



Highdown Gardens' fantastic collection of trees includes some that are very rare and are not for climbing on.
There are mature trees that have grown from the original seeds collected by plant hunters in the early 20th Century.







Walk around the garden and look at the different trees -



What do you notice about the; bark, leaves and trunk?



Compare the colours, size & shape of the leaves. What patterns and colours can you see on the bark?





Trees support wildlife by providing food, shelter, nesting and places from which to hunt.

Choose a tree to stand under and look up -



What can you see, hear, smell? Can you see any animals, birds or insects? Which part of the tree is hidden underground?



Think about how different the trees look throughout the year in different seasons. Draw/photograph the same tree each time you visit.



Winter: Bare branches, twigs.

Spring: Blossom, leaf buds.

Summer: Green leaves, full canopy, possibly fruit. Autumn: Leaves changing colour, seeds dropping.

Learn more about the different trees at Highdown Gardens using the Junior Tree Trail available at The Visitor Centre.