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Explore

I Spy... Signs of Spring

Explore Castle Gardens (outside The Higgins Bedford)

Kevin has noticed that spring is on its way.

Can you spot these too?



Kevin's Fun Facts



cedar tree
bark

Cedar wood contains an oil that repels insects. Wardrobes were made of cedar wood to keep moths away.

Can you imagine a magical wardrobe inside this tree?

spotted laurel

The spotted laurel is also known as the gold dust plant.

What would it be like to discover a plant covered in gold?

bug hotel

This hotel was built for useful insects to live in and help the plants in the garden to grow. Make sure you stay on the path to watch, they don't like to be disturbed.

Who do you think is living here?

squirrel

The squirrels in Castle Gardens love to eat the seeds found in cones from the trees.

What games will Kevin and the squirrels play together today?

bee

When the castle was still here, honey from bees was used to make a popular drink called mead.

Can you think of ways that bees help us now?

wood pigeon

In Victorian times, people kept pigeons for food and there were harsh punishments for stealing them.

If you could fly like a pigeon, what would you see here?

daffodil

Daffodil plants were brought to Britain by the Romans. They believed the sap healed wounds.

What other spring flowers can you find in the garden?

primrose

During Medieval times, primroses were used to make love potions!

What flower or plant would you give to your best friend?

cherry

Like many other plants in our garden, cherry blossom can be eaten and is used in chocolate, cakes and tea.

blossom

Check first before eating any garden plants, some can make you poorly.