

SIGHT:

The plants on the rooftop garden are predominantly green, however, you can also spot other colours. Can you see the colours and the plants?

- 1) Brown pine cones 2) _____
3) _____ 4) _____



Walk around the garden - do you notice any different surfaces? What are they made of?



- 1) Concrete paths
2) _____
3) _____

We have explored all senses through the Garden in the Sky. Before we say good-bye, please tell us which is your favourite plant and why:

THE GARDEN IN THE SKY: SENSORY TRAIL



Welcome to the Chester Beatty's Garden in the Sky. Let's explore it using our five senses: touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight!

TOUCH:

There are many plants in our garden that are really nice to touch. Try running your fingers through the grass located on the wooden decking area. How does it feel?

Now go and find *Alchemilla mollis*, also known as Lady's mantle. This plant has dense hairy leaves that are really soft to touch.

Did you know that the leaves form a depression to capture morning dew or rain?



SMELL:

Many plants have a very strong scent. Plants like to attract bees and other insects for pollination. Our garden too has some beautiful smelling plants.

Rosemary (*rosmarinus officinalis*): A tall, strong-looking shrub grown in kitchen and ornamental gardens. Rosemary is an evergreen and has needle-like leaves. Can you find it?



Rub the rosemary with your fingers. What does the scent remind you of?

Geranium (*pelargonium*): Another strongly-scented plant in our garden is *pelargonium*. You can find these plants in large pots. Rub your fingers on the leaves and see if you like the smell.

How many potted geraniums can you find? _____

HEARING:

Gardens, including the rooftop garden, are full of sounds. We can hear the wind moving through the branches, soft sounds of insects, leaves trembling on the stems.

Sit on the wooden bench and close your eyes. What sounds can you hear? _____

Can you tell what type of birds are making the noise flying above your heads?

TASTE:

Did you know that a lot of plants you see in the rooftop garden are used for cooking?

Lavender (*lavandula*) has a sweet, aromatic fragrance that goes well with lemon and is commonly used in deserts and salad dressing. Its beautiful purple flowers are often used to decorate a table or a dish. Do you like the smell of lavender?



Bamboo is another plant commonly used for cooking. Bamboo shoots (new plant stems that come out of the ground) are very popular in many Asian dishes and broths. Have you ever tasted bamboo shoots?

There are other plants used for cooking in our garden. Can you name any?

1) Jasmine

2) _____

