



Young Climate Warriors Challenge / Topic – 9th Feb 2024.

Treasure hunt – bulbs

'X-marks the spot'. A treasure map often leads to a far-flung island, to a hoard of coins, gold ingots, or jewellery made of precious gemstones; usually there are many hazardous adventures before it can be reached. **This half-term challenge may be simpler, but the reward is equally as beautiful! Any ideas what our treasure might be?**

Your challenge is to find these 4 large stashes of treasure, buried underground since last Spring – maybe [create a treasure map](#) to give some clues as to where you found them. You may need to look in the park, on roadside verges, in window tubs, or the woods (check with your parent/carer). **Why do you think it's important to leave the treasure where you find it?**

'X' – Your nearest snowdrops – have you spotted any of these dainty dancers?

'X' – Crocuses are slightly harder to find – but they can be true golden nuggets or amethyst gems – look out for their bright yellow or mauve petals.

'X' – Bluebells are still 'buried', not quite ready to give away their secret, but their delicate green shoots are just appearing, starting to carpet the woodlands with green.

The final 'X' – Daffodils – their green leaves may already be quite tall, and you may possibly, if you're very lucky, even find a trumpet in bloom.

Do you normally think of 'nature' as 'treasure'? Would we care for it differently if we did?

Treasure is often buried – stored or stashed for the future. Bulbs are the same – they are a food storage system, enabling plants to survive dormant through the winter and then providing the energy and nutrients for growth in the spring. Climate change is influencing our natural 'phenology' – the timing of growth and development. For example, in the 1950s, snowdrops typically flowered in late February, yet nowadays, they have been bursting into bud as early as mid-January. These changes in timings make it increasingly difficult for our animals and insects, a key reason why we need to take action to help combat climate change.

If you love what you've found, maybe join in with [#showthelove](#) – February is the time for creating beautiful green hearts out of stones or leaves . Take a photo, share it with others, and show them that you're taking action to protect the things you love. We'll think more about 'letting your voice be heard' after half-term.

Remember to **HITTING THE RED BUTTON!** when you've found the 'hidden treasure'