

## THE JAPANESE GARDEN

Can you find these different features within the garden? When you have found them please answer the questions in the boxes.



### Boulder with bubbling water

Question: What does this represent from nature?

**ANSWER: an active volcano**



### 'Camellia' plant

Question: Do you see many flowers in the garden? Why/why not?

**ANSWER: No because the influence of Buddhism (Zen sect) in the Middle Ages saw flowers as a sign of frivolity**



### Arbour

Question: What would you do here?

**ANSWER: It is a sheltered place in which to sit in and reflect and also view the garden**



### Stones

Question: What does this look like in nature?

**ANSWER: A dry slate gorge with a waterfall (raked gravel represents waves and the sea nearby)**



### Lantern

Question: Why is this in the Garden?

**ANSWER:** To light your way in the garden as you enter.

**This one is of an ancient design named after a Warlord, the one by the arbour is a snow-viewing lantern and the other is named after a shrine in Japan**



### 'Pinus Strobus' Tree

Question: What does this tree remind you of?

**ANSWER:** This tree may well remind the children of many things. Its common name is the Cloud Tree and it has been cut (topiarised) in a way to suggest clouds



### Granite Basin ('Chozu-bachi')

Question: What is this for?

**ANSWER:** This has been provided for cleansing the hands and mouth on entry into the garden as is traditional in Japanese Gardens



### Clipped 'Box' Plant

Question: What atmosphere do these round plants create within the Garden?

**ANSWER:** The aim is to create a peaceful atmosphere. The plant has been clipped to represent trees and hills and therefore create a miniature landscape

