6. **Find a rhubarb forcing pot**
   When rhubarb is grown in the dark under one of these pots, the stalks grow pink and sweet.

   Do you think that rhubarb stalks are a fruit or a vegetable?

   **Knowledge nugget!**
   Rhubarb leaves are poisonous!

7. **Find a gardener**
   In the past the gardeners had to keep out of sight behind the hedges when the owners walked in the garden.

   Today you may see them working hard.
   What would you like to ask them about the garden?

   **Knowledge nugget!**
   The gardeners used to pee on a bale of straw. When rotted, this was added to the compost to improve it. This compost helped the gardeners grow better food!
   Visit my 'compost kitchen' to see how we make compost now.

   The restaurants at Wimpole use lots of the food grown here.

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Find out more about Wimpole by:
- Visiting the Farm to find out where milk comes from
- Trying a Tracker Pack in the Park
- Coming to our tomato festival or squash display
Hi, I'm Philip Whaites, Head Gardener here at Wimpole! Come and explore Wimpole's wonderful Walled Garden.

In Victorian times lots of gardeners worked in the walled garden growing food. Then the garden got overgrown and full of brambles – a secret garden!

We have cleared it, so once again we can grow lots of food here.

1. Find the ‘Hot Wall’
(On both sides of the red brick wall as you enter the garden)
Part of this thick wall was heated by a chimney flue. Peach and apricot trees growing against the wall would produce good fruit.

Today honey bees live in the wall.

Why is it good to have bees in a garden?

2. Find the pond in the middle of the garden
How many fish can you see?
This pond was used to water the plants.

We now use rainwater which we collect from the glasshouse roof to water the plants.

How could you collect rainwater at home?

3. Find the little arches at the bottom of the big glasshouse
The roots of a grape vine were planted outside the glasshouses to keep them cool. The rest of the plant grew inside, in the warm, so the fruit would ripen.

They used to put a dead donkey in the bottom of a deep pit before planting the grape vine on top!!!

Why do you think that they did this?

4. Find the ‘cloches’ - cloches are like tiny glasshouses
Why do you think we grow some plants in glasshouses or cloches?

5. Find the scarecrows
Draw the scarecrow you would make to protect your growing food from hungry birds.