



ERASMUS
DARWIN
HOUSE

- Lichfield -

*Children's
Outdoor
Trail*

Enter the herb garden from the Cathedral to begin the trail.

Welcome to the home of Erasmus Darwin

1. Erasmus Darwin lived in this house from 1756 until 1781. How long ago is that?

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Let's have a look around the outside of his home and see what we can all discover.



2. Walk down the path in the herb garden - can you spot this sign?

Look around and see if you can find the names of some 3 of the plants.

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What do you think the herbs and plants were used for?

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3. Stand at the gate from the garden and look at the house in front of you.

Do you think this is the front or the back of the house?

Look at the big window which is halfway up the stairs inside the house.

Why would they put such a big window here on this side of the house?





4. Go towards the steps to the left of the door and look at the metal sculpture in the flower bed. It is quite new and modern.

Do you recognise the shapes it is made from - what are they?

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5. Look at the building behind the sculpture. It is now an office.

What do you think it was used for when Darwin lived here?

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Why would he need this building?

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6. Walk carefully down the steps and turn right. Go to the slope and you will see a green door on your right.

What could be behind the door?

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7. Now walk through the big gate to the other side of the house.

What is different here to tell us that this is the front of the house?

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Why is the door so high up that it needs steps to get to it?

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Do you think it was rich or poor people who arrived to see the Doctor at this side of the house?



8. Have a last look up at the upstairs window.

Who can you see?



Now retrace your steps back through the garden.

Look down at the engraved stones:

What different interests did he have?

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Now you have completed the trail - collect your sticker from the desk