

THE WORLD OF FLOWERS

(Great Britain and Russia (BELGOROD Region))



The aims of my project work are:

- to study the climate of Russia and Great Britain;
- to learn more information about the flowers which grow in Great Britain and Russia ;
- to study the flowers of Belgorod region and compare them with flowers of Great Britain;
- to collect poems about flowers;

What I did:

1. I studied English and Russian sources such as books, Internet information, Red Book of plants of Belgorod region, encyclopedia.
2. I systematized all these facts and materials.
3. I looked for pictures and photos to illustrate my work.
4. I found poems, sayings about flowers.

Introduction

- I am fond of flowers. I can spend hours watching them.
- There are a lot of flowers in my garden and I like to look after them.
- My favourite subjects at school are English and Biology. I have read many texts about the world of plants in Russia at our Biology lessons and I wanted to compare the world of flowers in Great Britain and Russia (Belgorod region).

The climate of Great Britain

- Everybody knows the proverb: "When two Englishmen meet, their first talk is about the weather". The weather in the country is so changeable that the English people say they have no climate but only weather. The climate is wet and mild: the winter is not very cold and the summer is not very hot. As a rule, there is no ice on the lakes and rivers in winter, and snow never lies on the ground for long. The climate of England is temperate. Because of its climate England is a land of gardens and flowers.

The climate of Russia

- Four beautiful seasons: winter, spring, summer and autumn are expressed in our country. Leafless trees and fir-trees with heavy “caps” of snow decorate the landscape in winter. It always snows in winter. Winds blow every winter. Sometimes the sun shines all day long, sometimes it does not.
- Autumn is the time for joy and quietness. The people can still admire colourful trees: green, yellow, red. In September it is still warm, the sun shines, it doesn't often rain. Autumn is the time to harvest fruit, vegetables and berries. You can see birds flying away.
- Spring is one of the beloved seasons for many people. The air is fresh, the trees are light green, the days are long. It is time for the fruit trees to show themselves in their blossoming beauty. The weather is fine.

Summer is a great fun. The people enjoy every minute of the weather. It's warm, bright and sunny. They swim, go to the forest and pick berries. They play sports and go hiking.

The UK

JANUARY

In Great Britain the Snowdrop is the flower of January. The English like this flower very much, they grow and bed it out. The Snowdrops appeared in England in the Romans days. Thanks to the fact that flower looks like a bell the Germans and the French call it a Snow Bell.



- Russia



FEBRUARY

The UK

In Great Britain the flowers of February are the Primrose and the Violet.

- The Primrose is considered to be a magic flower in Great Britain. It has become a national flower. The Primrose is called a cowslip in England, but in some places they call it a fairy-cup.



- Russia



The UK

MARCH

Daffodils are flowers of March in Great Britain. Many people find daffodils to be the finest of all the flowers. This flower is a symbol of Wales. You can see a lot of them in the Welsh valleys. It was brought to England in 1570 as a present to one of the lords.



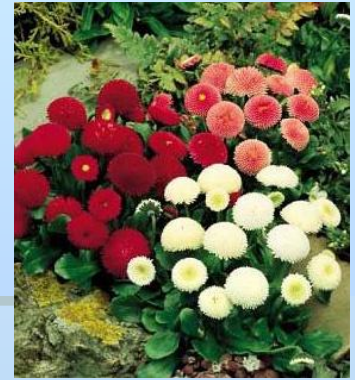
Russia



APRIL

The UK

April is associated with Sweet peas and Daisies in Great Britain. The English are fond of daisies very much. You can see blooming daisies in a damp but rather warm climate of England all the year round. It is called “Day’s eye”. The daisy is an emblem of kindness and warmth.



- **Russia**
- You can see the “dream flower” in the forests in Russia. This beautiful flower (*Pulsatilla patens* Mill) is poisonous. It is not afraid of frosts and shadow.
- Forget-me-nots (*Myosotis*) are very modest flowers. They appear in our forests in April. If you look at them, you will never forget them. They are beautiful and simple. The translation of their Latin name means “mouse’s ears”, but people don’t use this name.
- In April when there is still snow in some places you can find blue and violet flowers. They are called the “pechenohnitsa” (*Hepatica nobilis* Gars) because they remind the form of liver.



MAY

The hawthorn is the flower of May in Great Britain. The people call it May-tree. It is the emblem of King Henry VII, the first King of the House of Tudors. The hawthorn has been playing a great role since early times in ceremonies, that take place on the first of May.

- When you see pansies you want to smile. They appeared in England more than 100 years ago. They look at people with interest and curiosity. In England they were used to express love.

- **Russia**

- The white snow water lily (*Nymphaea*

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andida Presl.) is a very beautiful flower. In old times it was used as a symbol of purity. It is a very beautiful flower. It is a very beautiful flower. It is a very beautiful flower.

- The kaluzhnitsa (*Caltha palustris* L.) grows in wet places. It got its name from the word "swamp".



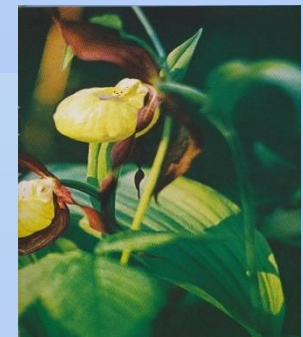
JUNE

Roses are the flowers of the first summer month in Great Britain. The red rose is the national emblem of England. The English are great lovers of roses. It is considered to be “the queen” of flowers.



Russia

- You can find orchids in the forests of Russia. The largest orchid in our place is “venerin bashmachok” (*Cypripedium calceolus* L.). It is a very rare flower, and is disappearing very quickly. It begins to blossom only at the age of 18.
- There are many roses in the parks and gardens of Belgorod region too.



The UK

JULY

July's flowers are water lilies. You can see them on the waters of the quiet lake. Some water lilies are deep yellow and some are white, pink, blue and purple.



Russia

- You can admire carpets of different flowers in the parks and gardens, in the fields and forests. They are cornflowers, ox-eye daisies, bluebells, roses. Colourful glades with rose-bay attract our attention.



The UK

August

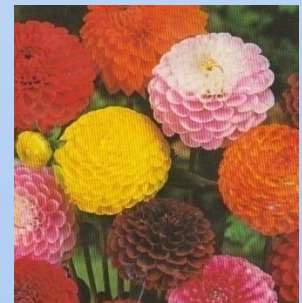
The flower for August is the poppy.

They have bright red, orange, purple or yellow flowers. They look like cups. You can see them in the mountains and in the fields. It is the symbol of peace.



Russia

- There are many beautiful flowers in August. You can see gladioluses, asters, pinks, dahlias and calendulas.



The UK

September

September's flower is the morning glory. It is a climbing plant with blue or purple flowers. Their leaves look like small green hearts. It opens early in the morning, but when the sun appears in the sky it closes. The morning glory has a sweet smell and can grow wild.



Russia

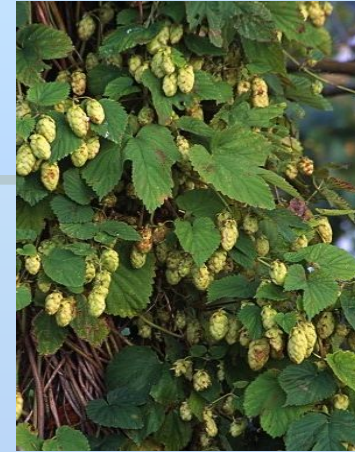
- We enjoy different flowers: calendulas, dahlias, asters, chrysanthemums and others.



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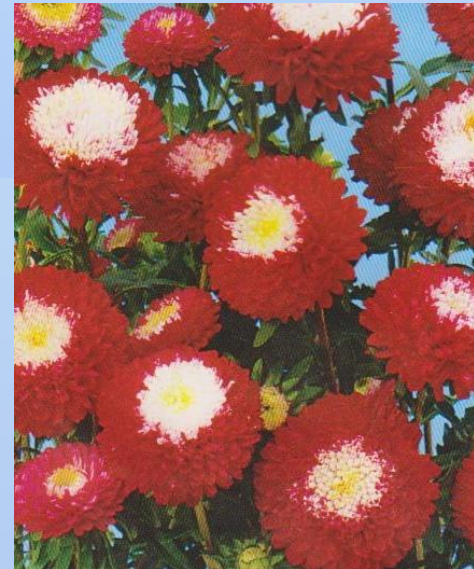
October

October's flower is the hop.
People use it to make beer.
It is a climbing plant which
often decorates country
houses.



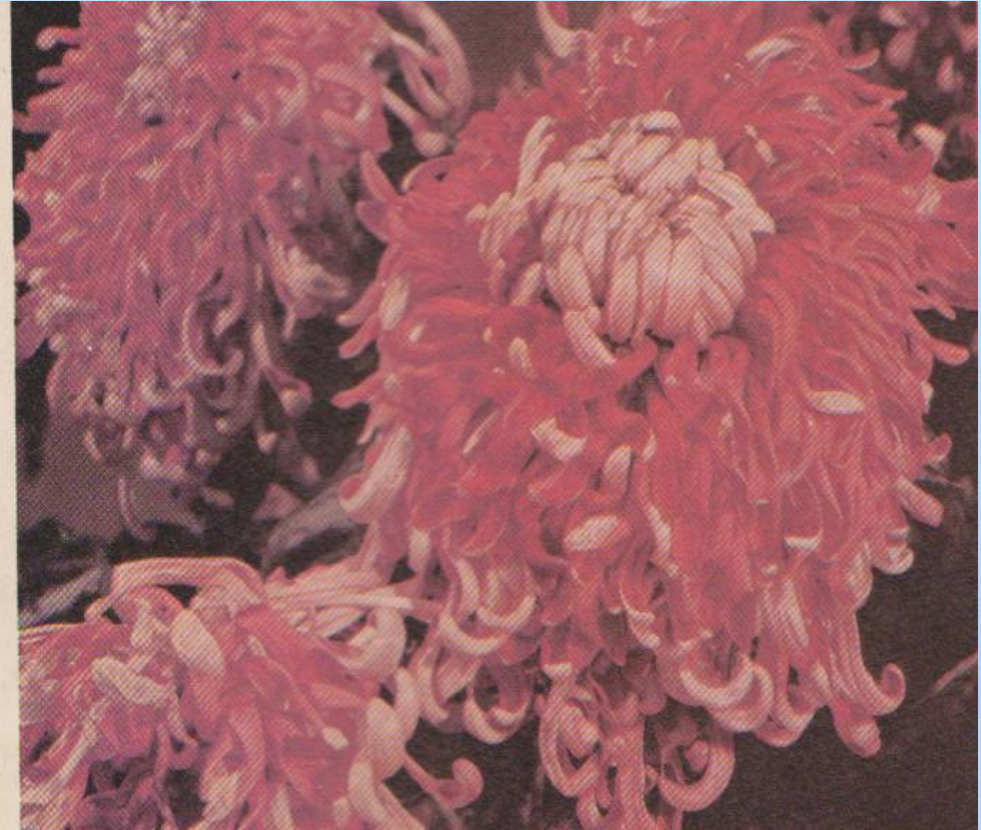
Russia

- The world of flowers is not rich in October. We admire last autumn flowers: asters, chrysanthemums, meadow-saffron, pilewort. Nature is preparing for winter.



November

The flower for November is chrysanthemum. It is one of the oldest flowers. It appeared in England in 1676. This lovely flower can be white, yellow, red or pink. It is a mourning flower.



The UK

December

December's plant is the holly. Its flowers have produced red berries for the Christmas season. The holly has prickly green leaves. It is an evergreen.



Russia



A Page of Poetry

THE DAFFODILS

By W. Wordsworth

Only while walking in the hills,
I saw a lot of golden daffodils,
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



THE POPPY

By Jane Taylor

High on a bright and sunny bed
A scarlet poppy grew
And up it held its pretty head
And thrust it full in view.

THE ROSE

By Hope Phillips

A fresh half-open rose
is quite lovely,
As everyone knows.
And what makes the rose
smell so lovely?
The sun, I suppose.



