



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. This term our 'Grow Wild' project has a scientific focus and the children will be exploring how things grow, different plants, the changing seasons, habitats and lifecycles - more details can be found in the homework packs. We have some exciting activities planned throughout the term which should provide some hands-on experiences for the children both inside and outside the classroom.

As part of the project, the children need to learn the names of common plants, flowers and trees, so this will be the focus for their project homework. We would like them to pick **one** plant, flower or tree, create a collage of it (using any materials they choose) and write 3 facts about it. The collages should be presented on an **A4 sheet**, with the facts written on the back, and should be in school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

For hygiene reasons, we have now decided to send water bottles home on daily basis so they can be cleaned thoroughly at home each day. We ask that they are returned **every day** filled with water please – not juice or squash. Bottles with a spout are preferable to avoid spillages.

Just a reminder that the door opens in the morning at 8.50am, this allows the children time to change their reading books and be settled for the register promptly at 9 o'clock. PE takes place on Monday and Friday. **All** children must have a full PE kit in school every week. PE kits should contain trainers (Velcro if possible), t-shirt, shorts and a tracksuit. Mrs Jenkinson does take the children out whenever possible, so it is important they have the appropriate kit and that everything, including their bag, is clearly named. Also, please make sure all uniform is clearly named so that we can return them if they get lost.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of the team.

Many thanks,

*KS1 Team*