



Dear Parents and carers,

As part of our science topic this half term, Children in Year 1 will be learning all about Plants. To further enhance and deepen our learning, we have organised a visit to Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Whilst on the visit, we will first-hand experience all different types of plants. The day will also include taking part in a 'Growth' workshop, where we will identify plant parts and finding out their roles, before learning about the purpose of flowers in plants and the role that insects play in pollination and seed production. We will then act this out as a class role-play, where everyone has a job to do, we will link plants to food and investigate how easily identifiable common fruits and vegetables actually are. We will also explore the unique Glasshouses and experience an authentic rainforest adventure!

The visit will take place on Monday 15th May 2023. Children will need to wear full school uniform and need to bring with them a healthy snack, packed lunch, and a bottle of water in a named carrier bag, which can be thrown away at the end of lunchtime. Please do not pack any fizzy drinks, glass bottles or any nut products including Nutella. As part of the Government free school meals initiative, we are able to provide a packed lunch for your child, should you require us to. Please let the school office know if you would like us to provide a packed lunch for your child by 3pm on Friday 5th May 2023. On the day of the visit, we ask that children arrive to school at the normal time of 8:40am and are collected at 3.10pm as usual.

In order for our trip to go ahead, it is necessary to request a voluntary contribution of £18.00 which will cover the cost of the coach, entry into the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and the workshop. Payments and consent should be made by using ParentPay. Please be aware that although the contribution is voluntary, if we do not receive sufficient funds to cover the cost of the visit it will unfortunately have to be cancelled.

Please feel free to visit the Birmingham Botanical Gardens website at the following address: <https://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/>. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 1 Team