

## Monday: Choice

1. Please write your conifer writing into your Main Lesson books from Friday.
2. Then, please write these questions into your draft books, and answer them there. These are your own answers and this will begin your Botany project called My Quest in Botany.

When we make a choice, we change the future in some way. You will know this from experience; in the classroom, when you all choose to give something your best and pay attention to teachers, you don't stay in for a practice! One choice can change the future of many. So with this project, today you are making a choice about which plant you are going to work with and research for the week. Now, don't misunderstand me – no one is going to pick up a book and look for information on your chosen plant, you don't even need to know the name of your plant. This week you are undertaking research that involves questioning, observation, and imagining (in science this is called hypothesising).

### Questions:

- ◇ *Which is your favourite season, and why?*
- ◇ *What is your absolute favourite food?*
- ◇ *If you had the choice of playing with one special friend or a whole party of friends, what would you choose?*
- ◇ *When you are hurt or sad, do you find comfort in being by yourself, or talking with someone close to you?*
- ◇ *When you are learning new things, at school or lessons at home, do you get excited and wish for more, or do you often want to practice what you already know?*
- ◇ *If you were a plant, would you be more likely to be fungi, lichen, algae, moss, flowering plants, trees, bushes, herbs or a fruiting tree?*

Now, I'd like you to take your draft book with these questions and answers outside, and you are now going to be choosing your plant in your garden that you are going to work with for the rest of the week. It is very important you choose carefully because once you have chosen, you cannot change! If this takes you hours, then fantastic, you can take breaks, and a play but keep coming back. Use these questions to guide you.

When you think of your favourite season, perhaps this will help guide you to a plant which looks happiest in the sun, if you love summer, or is loving the rain, if winter is your favourite. Your favourite food – if you like sweet food, perhaps this plant you are guided to is a flower or fruit, or maybe if you like savoury foods, you'll go towards a herb, fungus or shrub. There really is no right or wrong answer, and maybe one question may lead you more than another. Most importantly, imagine that if you were a plant, what would you be?

Once you have chosen your plant, please write and answer these questions in your draft books:

- ◇ *Please describe what your plant looks like*
- ◇ *Describe where you found your plant*

◇ *Please say why you chose this plant.*

3. Lastly, create a title page in your flipped over-Main Lesson book which has the words *My Quest in Botany*. This is completely up to you to design and create what you think is appropriate to yourself, your project and your plant choice.

Well done on your first day, completing the task of Choice! Now you have chosen, keep your plant in your mind, keep it without you and wonder how it goes outside in the dark tonight. Tomorrow, we observe!