

Thursday: Imagine

1. Listen to or read the suggestions for how to complete the next part of the Botany project; Imagine

Ideas for your Imagination.

So you have worked with observing your plant and after Tuesday and a rest on Wednesday, you should feel quite familiar with how it is formed, in terms of what it looks like and the patterns that may be apparent in the plant.

Today we are going to explore how these outer observations can be formed into new ideas through the inner world experience, imagination. You are going to imagine yourself as your plant, and write a letter to an insect or bug. Here's some ideas for how to do this!

What do you think imagination is? Take a moment to think about this, you don't have to write about it, but just think – when you imagine something, do you *do* anything? Do you need anything?

Everyone will have their own answer, everyone will imagine something different. There are many different ways to imagine – we imagine stories when we are read to, we imagine our futures when we think what we'll be like when we're older. We can form ideas and create whole new images in our minds when we take the time to imagine possibilities and things that are not necessarily right in front of us.

So today, you are again going to spend time by your plant, and you are going to imagine what it is really like to be this plant, and then you are going to write a letter to an insect or bug about how you are feeling and what you need. Essentially, you are going to speak as the plant, for the plant.

Think about how its roots feel, are they well watered, do they like the feel of the cool earth around them, tangling with the other roots with worms and witchety grubs working through them. This is completely up to you and your imagination, but I'd like you to use your observation skills and see if the soil really looks happy, what signs can you see that tell you about how this plant feels.

Imagine how the stem/s feel are the strong and is it hard to hold up the rest of the plant? Think of the leaves, do they like the feel of the sun, or is too hot? Basically, start at the roots of the plant (or where your plant is fixed to something) and imagine that is your feet there, and how you would feel there.

Everyone needs to start this writing by addressing it to an insect; Dear Bee, and finishing by saying what plant it is from.

I hope you have fun with this letter! I hope you enjoy imaging what this plant is going through and how it is feeling.

2. Please draw your plant's features into your Main Lesson Quest in Botany pages, which you observed on Tuesday. You can write and draw, or you can just draw – but you can't only write! I'd like to see some illustrations here of your observations – even if that means you need to go back out to look again. The title for this page is 'Observations.'