



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Gardening Club – Volunteers Needed

Year 5 are going to be working with Manchester Museum on a project called Botany Bay.

The project includes a gardening and cooking club that is framed in the context of indigenous foods, plants and cultures. The clubs are supported by visiting experts and digital resources.

Some of the themes that will be explored through the project include:

- What is the heritage of the plants we grow and eat?
- How did they come to Britain?
- How were and are these plants grown and eaten by the Indigenous People of the lands where they originate?
- What can indigenous heritage approaches to plant life and food teach us about sustainable and reciprocal cultivation?
- How can ceremony and/or performance in green spaces help us to engage more deeply with this natural heritage?
- What are the heritage politics of food sovereignty and sustainable food production?

To support this project, we are going to be setting up a gardening club in school which will take place every week on a **Thursday afternoon from 12:30-1pm** with Year 5 children.

If you have a gardening background, a passion for gardening or just want to get involved and learn a bit more about growing foods and plants then please get in touch by emailing [messages@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:messages@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk).

Thank you so much,

Mrs Eldridge, Miss Beech and Mrs Murray



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