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Dear Families,

Every year at Adlington we celebrate British Science Week, and I would like to share with you our plans for this year.

I have been working closely with the Science Leads within the Halliard Trust and we have decided to dedicate two weeks in June and July to focus on sustainability. More details about this will follow nearer the time.

In the meantime, we would like to mark British Science Week, which runs from 10th – 14th March. The theme this year is Change and Adapt and we have exciting plans.

Following a successful funding bid and planning stage, we are ready to build a community sensory garden on the school field, but we need your help.

Our very enthusiastic Eco-committee have organised an Eco Day on Tuesday 11th March and would like to ask for gardening volunteers to help us begin our project. We are looking for adults willing to donate an hour or two in the morning, afternoon or both to move sleepers, dig, spread stones, rake, plant or organise donations. If you are able to help, please complete the return slip confirming your availability.

If you are unable to help on the day, you can still contribute. We are also looking for donations of plants and equipment. Please do not buy anything new, recycled items only. I have included a list of items required which would be useful. Items can be delivered to the designated zone on the school field from Monday 24th February. This will be near the gate to the field behind the minibus parking space.

Thank you in advance for your support with our exciting project. We hope that the whole school will play a part in creating a welcoming wellbeing space for our community for years to come.
If you have any questions, please ask me during school drop off or collection.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Martindale and the Adlington Eco Ambassadors.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Child's/children's name/s: _____

I can help with the sensory garden on Tuesday 11th March.
Morning only (9am – 12pm) ☐
Afternoon only (1pm – 3pm) ☐
All day ☐

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Donation Requests

Equipment:

- Large plant pots - for scented plants
- Herbs (in soil not bare-rooted) - supermarket bought used plants (we will grow on in school)
- Fallen trees or branches (not Ash though) even decomposing ones - for habitat
- Plastic buckets - even if broken
- Clay or plastic tubing - even if broken
- Clay or stone tiles, roof felting
- Tree logs or stumps - for beetle habitat
- Any donated compost

Plants for butterflies and moths:

- Night-scented stock
- Jasmine
- Ox-eye Daisy
- Bramble
- Marjoram
- Ivy
- Lady's Bedstraw
- Hawthorn (already in our hedgerows at Adlington)

Herbs: Top ten wildlife-friendly herbs:

- Rosemary - *Rosmarinus officinalis*
- Caraway - *Carum carvi*
- Hyssop - *Hyssopus officinalis*
- English lavender - *Lavandula angustifolia*
- Common sage - *Salvia officinalis*
- Wild thyme - *Thymus polytrichus*
- Fennel - *Foeniculum vulgare*
- Chives - *Allium schoenoprasum*
- Common mint - *Mentha spicata*
- Wild marjoram - *Origanum vulgare*

Cuttings of:

- Buddleia
- Climbing old roses (i.e. scented not hybrids)
- Teasel
- Thistle

Daytime bee and butterfly pollinators and nectar plants (non-toxic)