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Hello Thistles. We hope you are all keeping well and trying to complete some of the many activities that we have set for you. This week, we are going to think about our class name.

Thistle is the name of our class. How much do you know about the thistle?

Thistles are prickly plants that most people think of as weeds. But some kinds of thistle have nice flowers, and people grow them as garden plants. One type of thistle is the national symbol of Scotland.

Thistles can grow to more than 8 feet (2.4 meters) tall. They usually have prickly leaves. The stem and flowers can also be prickly. The leaves usually have ragged edges. They are green or blue green and are sometimes covered with fine white hairs.

Thistles have many tiny flowers growing together in tight clusters. The flowers are packed so closely that the clusters look like single flowers. Most types of thistle can grow dozens of these flower clusters on one plant. The flowers are mostly pink, purple, or yellow. They produce feathery seeds that scatter in the wind.

Thistles grow mostly from seeds. Some thistles also can grow from small pieces of root in the soil. This makes thistles hard to remove from farm fields.

Thistles are also hard to get rid of because their roots grow deep into the soil. Also, livestock and other animals do not eat thistles because they are so prickly.



Can you find out more about the thistle. Follow this link to see lots of different kinds of thistle. Which one is your favourite?

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/Search-Results?form-mode=true&context=1%3Den%26q%3D%2523all%26sl%3DplantForm&query=Thistle>

Take care, Love from Mrs Seville and Mrs Mackey.