

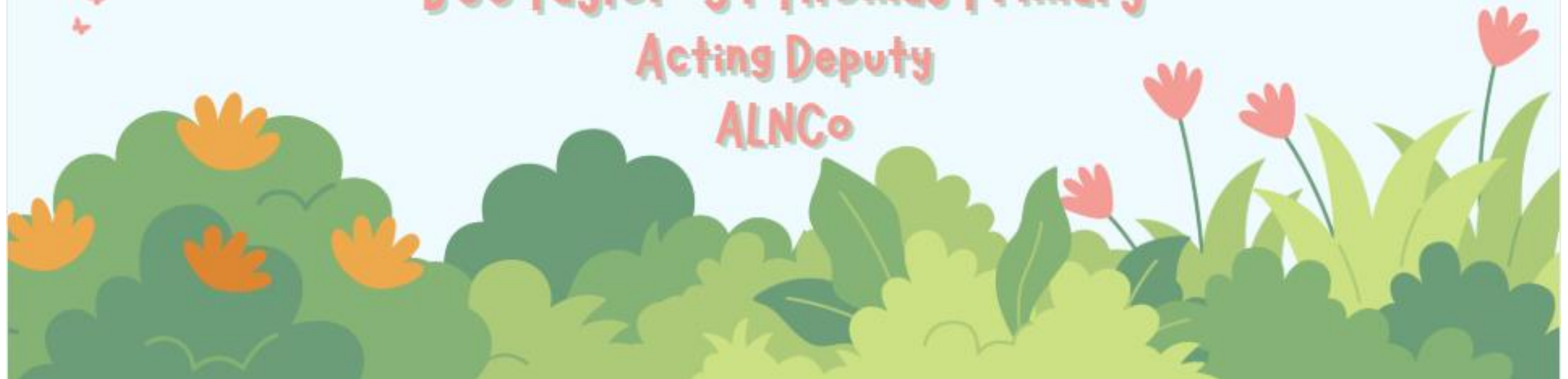


Growing Through the Dissertation Journey

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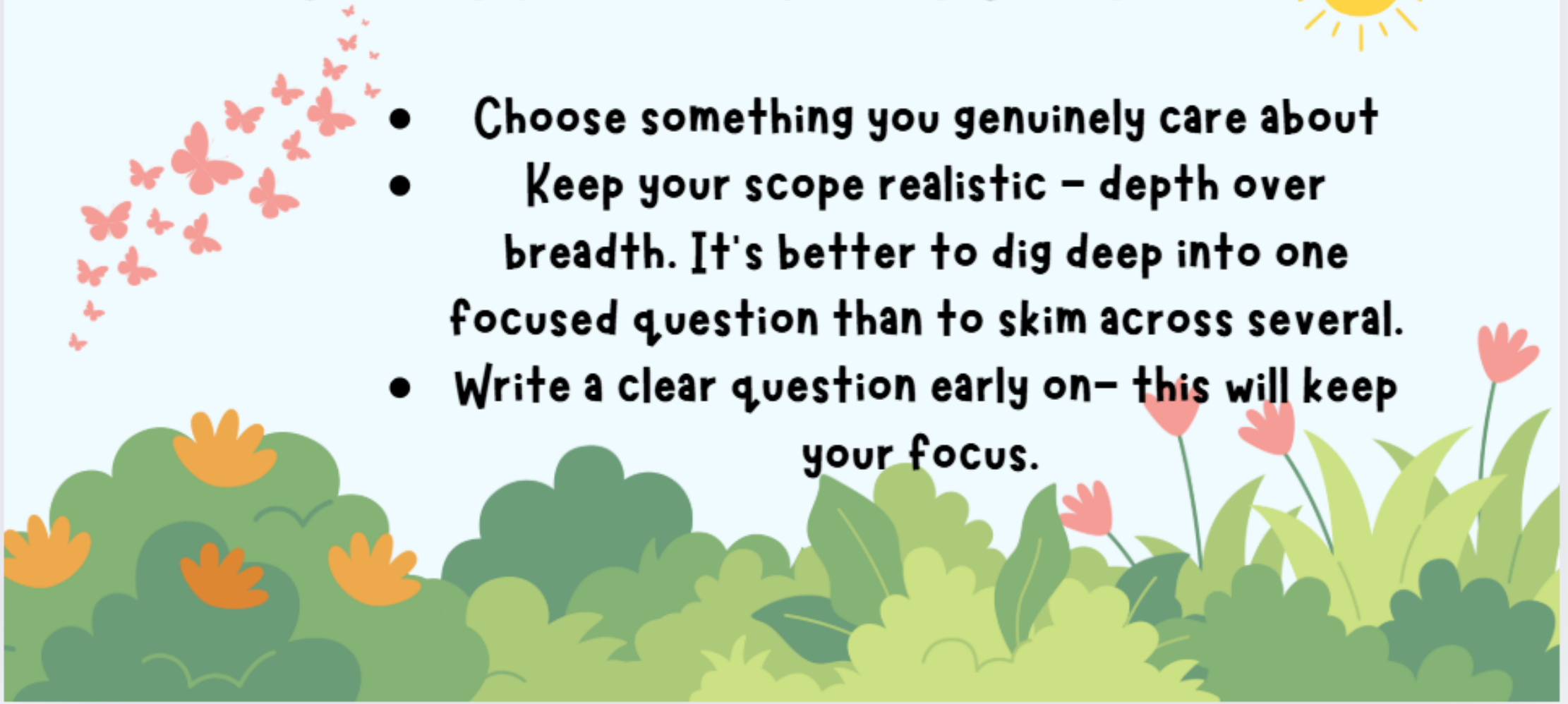
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Getting Started – Finding Your Focus



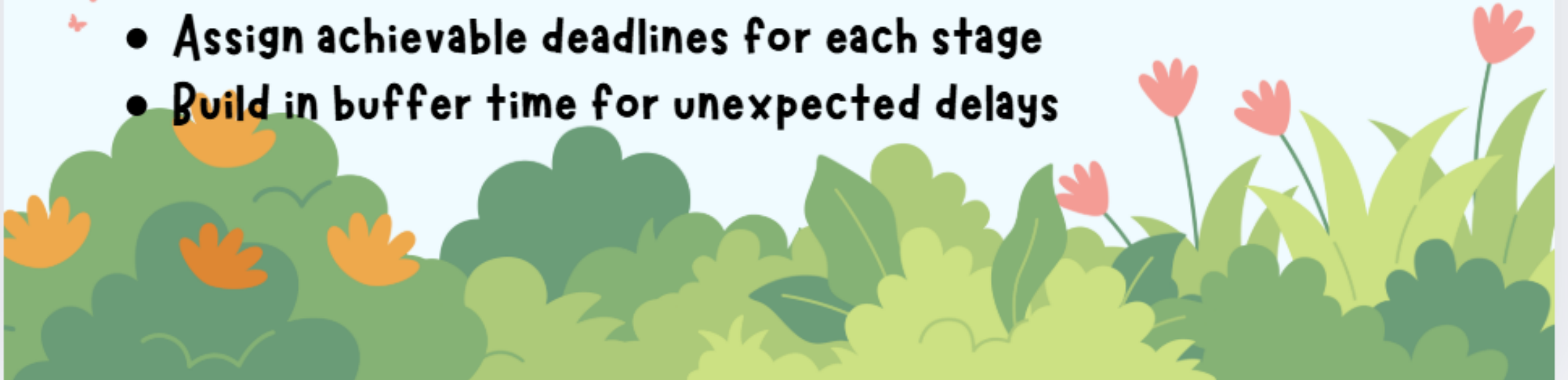
- Choose something you genuinely care about
- Keep your scope realistic – depth over breadth. It's better to dig deep into one focused question than to skim across several.
- Write a clear question early on– this will keep your focus.



Planning Your Time – Setting a Realistic Timeline



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- Break project into stages (literature, methodology, data, writing)
 - Assign achievable deadlines for each stage
 - Build in buffer time for unexpected delays

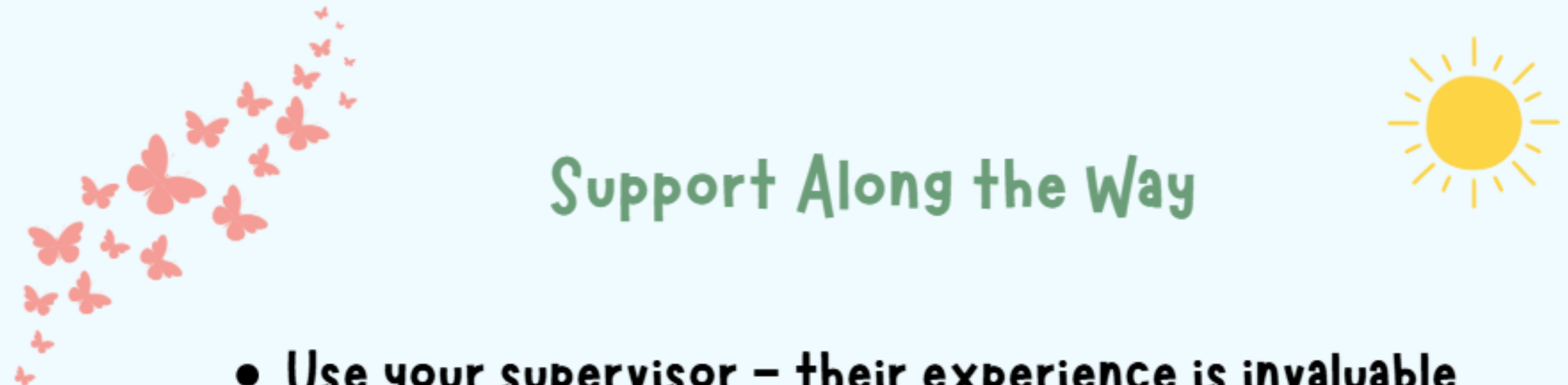




Staying on Track – The MA Guidance Booklet

- **Treat the handbook as your roadmap**
- **Check marking criteria regularly**
- **Follow formatting, ethical, and referencing requirements carefully**





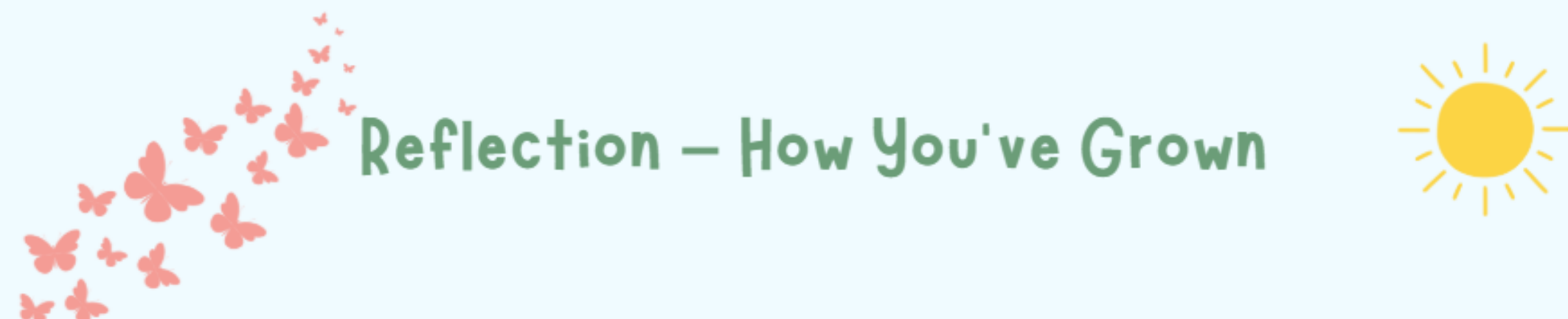
Support Along the Way

- **Use your supervisor – their experience is invaluable**
 - **Twilight sessions**
 - **Talk through ideas with peers**
 - **Family and friends can help proofread and keep perspective**
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Balance and Breathing Space

- Productivity needs rest
 - Step back to regain clarity
 - Protect time for yourself
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Reflection – How You've Grown

- You'll finish with new skills and confidence
 - The process changes how you think
 - Mistakes and challenges are part of the learning
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Final Thoughts



- Be patient with the process
- Trust your progress – even when it feels invisible
- You'll be amazed by how much develops over time

