



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. I hope you all had a lovely half-term and managed to spend some time together as families. The firework evening provided a great start to the half-term break; such a wonderful atmosphere and what an impressive display! Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped, but particularly to Kate, Kelly, Sarah and Rebecca, our dedicated FoFPS team, for their excellent organisation.

This week, we have continued to think about our school values and how we can all be the best version of ourselves.

Year 5 had an interesting visit to a mosque and Year 3 very much enjoyed their river trip. Well done to the children in Years 3 and 4 who took part in the Handball Festival yesterday. It is great to try new sports!

Thank you for supporting the poppy appeal. Next week, on Monday, 11th November, we will take time to remember those people who fought and served for our country. We will incorporate the national silence at 11 am within our assembly, allowing time for us all to reflect.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our parent consultations next week. Children are more than welcome to attend, and this can, in fact, be beneficial. We will leave it up to you, as parents, to decide if you would like your child to attend.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes
Emma Thorp
Headteacher

Staffing News

After 18 months of working as a Teaching Assistant at Felbridge, Kate Smith will be leaving us for pastures new. I would like to thank Kate for her positivity, enthusiasm and dedication within her role.

We will miss you - good luck Kate!

Class Wishlists

[R Geckos](#)

[1 Monkeys](#)

[2 Leopards](#)

[3 Pandas](#)

[4 Toucans](#)

[5 Macaws](#)

[6 Jaguars](#)

Term Dates

13th & 14th November

Parent Consultations
Please book an appointment via Arbor

15th November

Own Clothes Day - Children in Need
Suggested donation £2

20th November

Toucans (4) Fishbourne Roman Palace

25th November

Year 2 & 5 Fire Safety Training

28th November

Whole School flu Nasal Spray

28th November

Own clothes day - donation of bottled drink for Christmas fair

2nd December

Year 6 Heights & Weights

7th December

FoFPS Christmas Fair

9th (5pm) & 10th (9.15 am) December

Infant Christmas play

10th December

Junior Christmas Services at St John's Church 2 pm and 6 pm

12th December

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Suggested donation £2

13th December

Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party

16th December

Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party

17th December

Years R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

18th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

20th December

Last Day of Term - Early Finish from 1.20 pm

6th and 7th January

INSET Days

8th January

Year 3 Swimming lessons commence



Handball Festival

Miss Jones had a great afternoon yesterday with a lovely group of Year 3 and 4 children at Oxted High School where they took part in a 'Handball Festival'. They worked on a variety of skills including passing, dribbling and shooting before playing a series of mini matches. They all represented the school brilliantly, tried their hardest and had fun, a great demonstration of our school values! The Year 4 team used all of these skills to win their side of the competition! Miss Jones was particularly impressed by their positive attitude and ability to work as a team!



Year 5 - Crawley Mosque

On Thursday, Macaws class had a fabulous morning visiting Crawley Mosque. Mr Zain, the Imam, gave an informative and interesting talk about the mosque and the religion of Islam before taking us on a tour of the mosque. It was a brilliant morning and really helped to bring our RE learning to life.



Year 3 - River Trip

Year 3 finally managed to go to the river this week and in true Year 3 style, it was raining, or trying to! We had a fantastic time, looking at meanders, sediments, river flow, pollution and seeing what animals are attracted towards the river. A huge thank you to Miss Savident and Mrs Lavington who were the river team and helped rescue full wellies! Also a huge thank you to all the adults who helped with this trip. It is not possible without you all. Miss Sowerby



Wilder Schools

This year, as part of the [Wilder Schools](#) programme, [Surrey Wildlife Trust](#) (SWT) Engagement and Education Officer Harriet Trueman will be joining us to help students improve our school grounds for nature taking more of their learning outdoors.

Surrey's wildlife is in decline, but by taking some simple actions at home, we can all help create a Nature Recovery Network across the county.

In February 2025, SWT will launch their Actions for Nature Competition - complete and report one or more Actions for Nature at home or in your community, and we will be in with a chance of winning a funding grant towards outdoor learning equipment or tools for school grounds improvement!

Action for Nature – Make a Splash!

[Ponds can be home to an interesting range of wildlife](#), and even a small one made from a suitable container can attract animals including damselfly and dragonflies, frogs and newts.

Any pond can become a feeding ground for birds, hedgehogs and bats - the best natural garden pest controllers - and your pond needn't be big.

A washing-up bowl, a large plant pot or a disused sink could all be repurposed as ponds, providing you make sure creatures can get in and out.

If you don't have your own outdoor space at home, why not [help the environment by watching what you wash away](#)?

Some of our favourite washing-up liquids and cleaning products can be harmful to wildlife with long-lasting effects. Brands like Ecover, Method, Bio-D and some supermarket own-brands have good products made from natural and environmentally-friendly ingredients.

Using eco-friendly detergents in your clothes wash is also a great way to watch what you're putting into rivers and seas, keeping water clean for wildlife.

How to build a mini wildlife pond

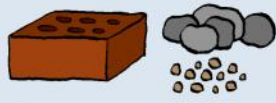


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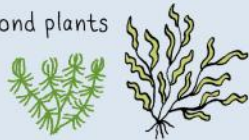
- a watertight container*



- old bricks, rocks and pebbles



- pond plants



- spade



* Is there anything that you can upcycle? It could be an old washing-up bowl, sink or even a plant pot. Aim for 20-30cm deep.

- 1 Choose a spot. Your pond will need light, but not full sunlight all day. You can dig a hole and sink your container, or just have it sitting on top.

- 2 If the container isn't watertight, e.g. an old plant pot, then add a piece of pond liner.

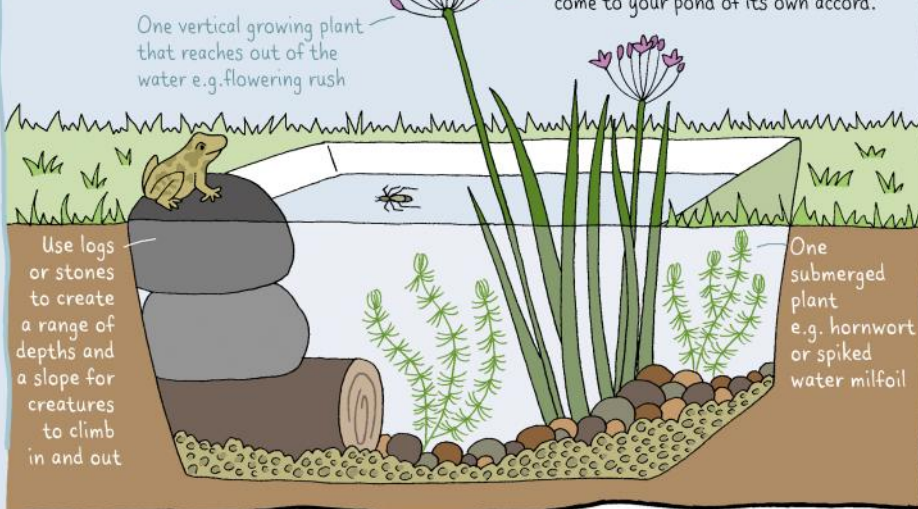
One vertical growing plant that reaches out of the water e.g. flowering rush

- 3 Add a layer of gravel and rocks.

- 4 Fill your pond with rainwater (tap water contains chemicals).

- 5 Start planting... you only need two or three plants.

- 6 Now watch and wait! Wildlife will come to your pond of its own accord.



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Don't introduce frogs, fish or even water from another pond as this can spread disease.

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A big thank you to everyone who came to the fireworks event, it sold out during the afternoon and I think we can all agree the display was fantastic as always!

We are looking forward to the Christmas fair. If you'd like to be involved in the planning, you can join our WhatsApp group which is on the community <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LcfWs13x6OXCING0kmBJi5>

Elfridges will return this year, and we once again open our appeal for unwanted gifts for men or women, and any leftover Christmas wrapping paper, bags or tags. Please give to the school office and we will collect from there.

We will be opening up the schedule for volunteers so if you're able to spare an hour on the day (7th December, 1-4pm) or help us with set up or clear up, we'd really appreciate it.

We also have some spaces for stallholders. If you would like to get involved, please email us. Friends@felbridge.surrey.sch.uk

Christmas Fair

Elfridges Wishlist

- ☐ Xmas wrapping paper
- ☐ Xmas bags and tags
- ☐ Unwanted gifts for women
- ☐ Unwanted gifts for men

e.g. socks, bath sets, candles, jewellery, aftershave, mugs etc
(must be in brand new condition and no food items please)

Please bring your items to the school where we will gladly take them off your hands!

Values Champion

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

Albie for Courage and Challenge - Geckos
 Ella for Courage & Challenge - Monkeys
 Ruby for Courage and Challenge - Leopards
 Oliver for Curiosity - Pandas
 Josie for Courage and Jared for Challenge - Toucans
 Lexi for Challenge & Curiosity - Macaws
 Charlie for Creativity - Jaguars

Well done!

Mathletics: Monday, 21st October to

Sunday, 3rd November 2024

Mathletics

									
BRONZE		SILVER		GOLD	PLATINUM	EMERALD	DIAMOND	EPIC	LEGEND
<u>Monkeys</u> Tommy IV Joshua D IV Joshua P IV	<u>Toucans</u> Shane III Oliver III Rohan II Finlay V Eloise V Alfie II	<u>Monkeys</u> Emilia III Lewis II Orson III Adaline III Iyla II Rosie I Henry II	<u>Pandas</u> Jack III Leila III Billy II Naya III Oscar III Freya IV Joel IV Quinn III	<u>Leopards</u> Ollie II Lexi IV					
<u>Leopards</u> Frankie III Sid III Eloise III	<u>Macaws</u> Beau H I Casper II Lottie II	<u>Leopards</u> Fionn IV Thea I Holly IV Alexander I Seb M III Spencer IV Florence II Seb W IV	<u>Toucans</u> Alina III Lily II Freddie II Darcie III Josie IV	<u>Toucans</u> Jared IV					
<u>Pandas</u> Eloise III Mia I Oliver V Zenia IV	<u>Jaguars</u> Amelie IV Jenson IV Olivia III	<u>Pandas</u> Sylvie III Martha II Jasmine IV William IV Marietta III	<u>Macaws</u> Pavel II Charlotte III Jack I Bella III	<u>Macaws</u> Evan IV					
			<u>Jaguars</u> Alisha I Nathaniel I						

Attendance

Attendance this week:	Geckos:	Monkeys:	Leopards:	Pandas:	Toucans:	Macaws:	Jaguars:	Whole School:
	92%	96%	92%	94%	96%	92%	92%	93%