



**Welcome to Year 1
Monkeys Class
2025 - 2026**

Class teacher:

Miss Sowerby

Teaching Assistant:

Mrs Smith

Sports Coach:

Coach Mason (Tuesday Mornings)



Mrs Laura Smith



Mr Jude Mason- PE Coach
(Primary Sporting
Development)



Creating independence

Aim of year 1

- To be able to come in independently
- To be able to get ready for the school day independently
- To be able to talk about when something isn't ok.
- To feel safe and happy
- To learn to read and write using their phonics
- To learn numbers and amounts
- To build upon prior learning ready for year 2.



What will Monkeys be learning about?



	Autumn	Spring	Summer
History / Geography	Changes within Living Memory	UK Countries & Castles	Local Studies
Science	Seasonal changes Animals including humans	Seasonal changes Everyday Materials	Seasonal changes Plants
Computing	Online Safety Discovery Coding Introduction to Data	Algorithms Unplugged Digital Imagery	Coding Chromebooks

A Typical day in Year 1

- 9am: Phonics
- 9:30am: Maths/English input
- 9:45am: Maths/English activities with an adult in small groups, rest of the class have learning play.
- 10am: Snack and story
- 10.15: Breaktime
- 10-45am: Continue with Maths/English and learning play
- 11:45am: Reading
- 12:00pm: Lunchtime
- 1:15pm: Whole class lesson, followed by learning play
- 3:10pm: Hometime!





PE

Tuesday Morning with Coach Mason &
Friday morning with Miss Sowerby



Tuesday: Come to school wearing school uniform and bring PE kit to change into.

Friday: Come in PE kit and bring school uniform to change into.

Long hair must be tied back.

Earrings must be taped over or removed.

Please remember to clearly name all items of clothing.



How can you help at home?

- Homework will be reading every night.
- There are tricky words at the back of their home books that they need to learn throughout the year.
- Mathletics- work will be set to try at home, this will be what we have been learning in class.
- Topics will be on the curriculum map
- Show and tell for anything we are learning about will be shared on a Friday. I want the children to be independent in this as its part of their talking skills.



Reading with your child

- **Children need to practise the sounds which are at the front of the book, go over these together.**
- **Children need to try and read the word and then reread the word if they are not fluent in it.**
- **Ask the child questions about the book, What was it about? What happened? What may happen next?**
- **Please write in their books as they get raffle tickets to win a book at the end of term.**

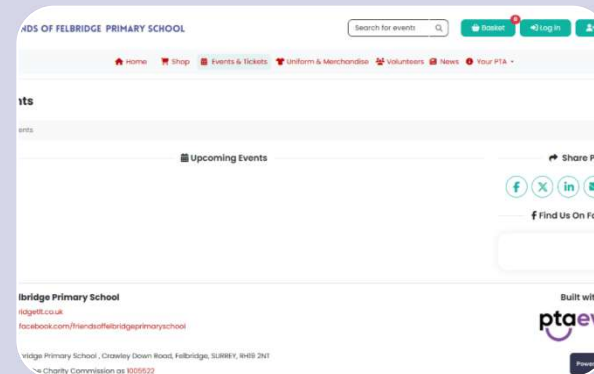
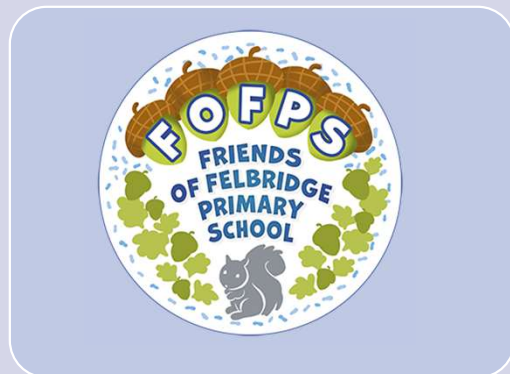
Volunteers

- If anybody would like to help with reading, school trips or daily life in school please come and speak to me about how you could help.
- Any donations of toys/games, junk modelling, books would be very much appreciated as we are always looking for ways to replenish these things.



Communications:
Don't forget to read the newsletter & download the School Arbor App!





Just for fun:
@felbridgeschool
On Facebook and Instagram.



Email them on:
friends@felbridgetlt.co.uk

Join their WhatsApp community to keep up to date and
volunteer if or when it suits you
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LcfWs13x6OXcING0kmbJi5>

Follow them on Instagram -
<https://www.instagram.com/fpsfriends/>

and the FoFPS website:
[https://www.pta-events.co.uk/
felbridgeprimarypta/](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/felbridgeprimarypta/)



Statistics show that **children who have an attendance level of 95% and above are far more likely to achieve academic success than those with poor attendance who tend to fall behind in their learning. Across the school year:**

$\frac{1}{2}$ day missed every week or 1 day a fortnight = 90% attendance by the end of the year

1 day missed every week = 80% attendance

1 school year at 90% attendance = **4 whole weeks** of lessons missed.

1 school year at 80% attendance = **8 whole weeks** of lessons missed.

We know there are some children for whom absence is unavoidable. Don't send genuinely sick children to school and don't forget the very important 48-hour NHS rules for sickness and diarrhoea.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and your gorgeous children this year.

Please check the newsletter for dates and upcoming events. I will try where I can, to remind you as I know this can be overwhelming.

If you want to speak to me, please call the office and I will get back to you either by phone or arrange a meeting after school.

If its urgent then call Emma Warland in the office and she will pass the message onto me. Messages in reading books may not be picked up straight away.

Any questions?

