



Furzeffield Primary School

Instilling a love of learning



December 2022

Dear parents and carers,

On behalf of all the staff and myself, we would like to thank you for your continued support this year.

To our families that celebrate at this time of year, I wish you all a very merry Christmas indeed. For those that do not, I hope that you enjoy the break from school and the opportunity to spend some quality time with your families. To all of you, I wish you a very happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

My first term at Furzeffield has been nothing short of fantastic. I have enjoyed every minute of it and have learnt so much about this wonderful community and the exceptional pupils that we are lucky enough to work with every day. The welcome and support that I have received not just from parents and children, but also the incredible staff and governors has made all the difference. I already feel part of the Furzeffield community and I'm very much looking forward to the New Year and new term ahead.

What has stood out to me the most during this first term has been the level of dedication, hard work and commitment that I have seen on display. This applies equally to the pupils, class teachers, teaching assistants, catering staff, premises, admin teams, family liaison and well-being teams, school leaders and governors. These qualities are on display every day at Furzeffield. However, that level of commitment and dedication also goes beyond employees of our school. Our amazing parent's association, Friends of Furzeffield, have worked tirelessly to raise much needed funds for our pupils and so many of you have offered your time and support to help the school in its endeavours, whether that be supporting pupils with reading in school, donating towards our fundraising for charity or supporting us by attending school events.

The point is that no single person can ever be credited with the success of a school, it is a community of staff, pupils, governors and families, working together and learning from each other, that creates a successful Furzeffield Primary School.

I am looking forward to what the next term holds and am excited to welcome you all back in January 2023. In the meantime, enjoy the holiday and the time spent with your loved ones.

Mr Govinden





Stars of the Week



**Congratulations to all of our stars of the week
this month!**

Week ending 2nd December 2022

KS2

**Henri & Kaiden
Mia & Dylan
Jamie, Peter & Leo**

KS1

**Amelia & Chester
Oyiye & Zach
Grace & Oliver
Mia & Bambi**

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

Ocean snow day



As much as the children wanted it to snow at Christmas they never expected it to. They were very surprised and excited when it did and even more so when they could go outside.

Joshy made a snow angel, Peter made Pinocchi' snow' and everyone helped to make Mr White.

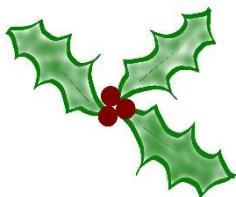
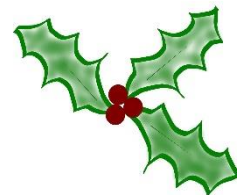


Year 1



This half term has been full of fantastic learning and masses of progress!

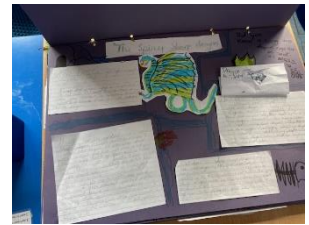
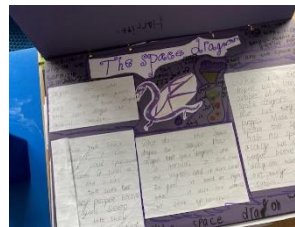
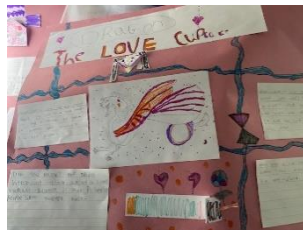
We loved being part of the KS1 Christmas play, singing our little hearts out and having lots of fun in the unexpected snow flurries!



December in Year 2

We worked very hard this month putting together our Christmas show "Santa's on Strike" alongside the Year 1 classes. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch and a huge thank you to you all for getting the children kitted out in their fantastic costumes.

Alongside the preparations for the show though, of course a lot of learning took place too. In our English lessons we put together our Dragon Reports. First we had to invent our own type of dragon, including a drawing of it, and then we wrote about its appearance, habitat, diet and special powers and abilities. We have now published 2 big books about our Dragons!



Denmark Class made dragon eye tiles from clay and glass eye beads. We designed them in our art books before moulding them. Once they are



In our Maths lessons we have been learning about fractions, statistics and measuring using a ruler.

CANADA CLASS!

Rainforest topic!

This half term in Canada class, we have been on an adventure to the tropical Rainforests of the world. We've mostly focused on the Amazon as well as comparing it to Sherwood Forest. We have learnt about people that live and work there, animals, plants, the different layers, deforestation and its cause and effect, rainforest products, and the location of tropical rainforests around the world.

To consolidate our learning, we have created rainforest dioramas in DT, a double page spread in our geography lessons, and a rainforest collage in art.

The children have also enjoyed learning about fair trade, the trouble with palm oil, and sustainability as well as other ways we can help the rainforest from Merstham!



Where?
The Amazon covers 9 countries:
Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Suriname, French Guiana and Guayana.

Animals
In the rainforest you can find many types of species such as jaguars, peccary, sloth and many types of spider



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Animals
Don't forget, in an animal, it comes from normal more better to cook better to eat, especially bear chipmunks

People
the panama tribe and the Tupi tribe make money by selling products

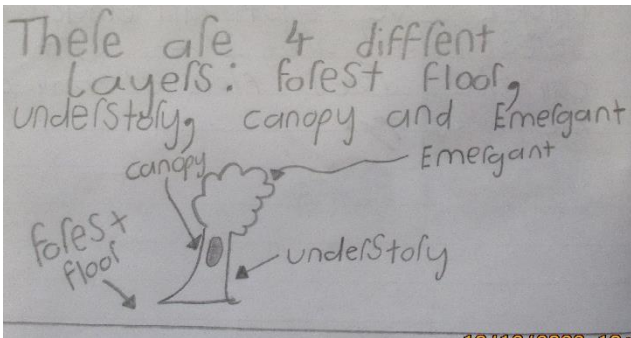


10 years
The types of the rainforest are those that where bugs live naturally, where snakes live and where caterpillars live to eat. Emergent where birds are the tallest and they should be found

Rainforest
Also good animals like get food a bit like in nature they get Avocado, Corn, Pig, Lemons, Pine, Cacao

Food
Some of the good one chocolate, pineapple, leeches, or palm, cinnamon, coconut, C, orange, storage, sugar, peanuts

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Wilder Schools

Year 3 are taking part in the wilder schools project with Laura from the Surrey Wildlife Trust! This involved an environmental survey to see what amazing things we have at Furzefield and a discussion to see what we could add to make our school a more biodiverse place! The children had a lot of wonderful ideas including: bee hotels, bird baths, hedgehog holes, no mow areas, wildflower patches, bird feeders, bird boxes and many more. Next, we went on an invertebrate investigation to see what we have living at school. This linked in wonderfully with our science topic 'Animals including Humans.' Back in class, we created our 'Vision of Nature' on maps of Furzefield. We've had two Forest Schools sessions so far and will have one more per month until the end of the year. Hopefully, we will be able to improve the biodiversity of our school, and maybe even the local area!



Woodlice have 14 legs! Centipedes are carnivores.

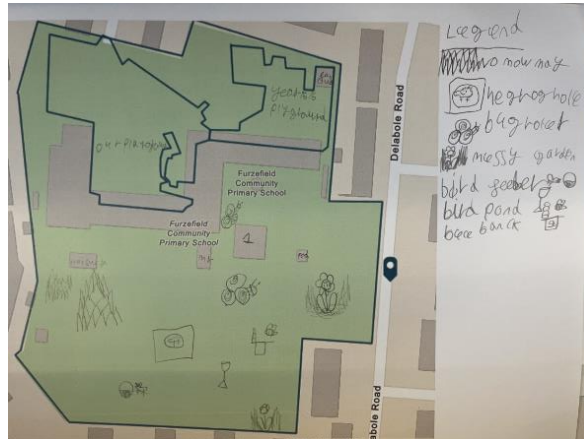


Leopard Slugs EAT other slugs so are actually a gardener's



Globetrotters

The year 4 and 5 geography club 'Globetrotters' are also enjoying short Forest School sessions at lunchtimes on the days that Laura is with us. Last month we learnt about trees and this month we took part in a wild art competition. Next time we're hoping to have some fun with fire lighting!





Maths Challenge!

Our vision for maths at Furzeffield is for it to be:

Purposeful so that children understand the place of mathematics in everyday life and the world of work.

Personalised to enable all children to reach their full potential.

Practical and exciting to engage pupils in a love for mathematics, through a range of experiences.

Furzeffield School has a huge Christmas tree in the hall. It is $1\frac{1}{2}$ times as tall as it is wide. It stands as high as a town house.

If you were to put a rectangular box (like a gigantic shoe box) around the tree, what might the dimensions (length, width, and height) be?

Give 3 possible answers.



TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Don't get bored over the Christmas break, practise your times table and division facts in the



There are two competitions taking place from the 17th to 31st of December.

The competitions will be open from **9 am to 6 pm daily** and the first 45 minutes per day will go towards the competition. Pupils can play any game they wish.

There is a Year 3 and Year 4 competition and a Year 5 and Year 6 competition.

Have fun!

Miss Hutchings



Girls Football



On Thursday 8th December the year six girls played a 5 a side match with St Matthew's Primary School.

It was fantastic game for both teams and at half time it was 1-1.

The second half our girls really played magnificently and were rewarded for their hard work and commitment a 6-1 victory, with Lily scoring a hat trick! They were true ambassadors for Furze field both during and after the match.

A huge well done to the team
Katie, Lisa, Amalie, Matilda, Lily, Neve and Isabelle

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022/23

Dec	14 th	Nursery and Shining Stars Christmas Show – 10.45am
	15 th	Robin Hood Pantomime – 9.00-11.00am
	16 th	Children’s Raffle – 9.30-10.30am
	16 th	Christmas Jumper Day
	16 th	Christmas Lunch
Jan	16 th	Christmas Raffle
	9 th	Yr3 – Magic Lantern
	10 th	Yr4 – Magic Lantern
	11 th	Yr6 – Magic Lantern
	12 th	Yr5 – Magic Lantern
	13 th	Yr2 – Magic Lantern
	17 th	YrR – Magic Lantern
	17 th	O2 Performance – 10.30am-10.30pm
	18 th	Nursery – Magic Lantern
	26 th	EY & KS1 – Drama Workshops – 9.00am-2.00pm (Narnia)
Feb	27 th	Yr6 – Junior Citizen
	30 th	Maths Week
	3 rd	NSPCC Number Day
	27 th – 3 Mar	World Book Week
Mar	2 nd	World Book Day
	2 nd	KS2 – Matilda Theatre Trip – 4.00-11.00pm
Apr	9 th	Starsteppers Show
	8 th	KS2 – Luke Temple Author – 10.00-10.45am
	8 th	R & KS1 – Luke Temple Author – 11.00-11.30am
	9 th	Luke Temple Book Signing – 9.15-10.15am
	13 th – 17 th	Science Week
	20 th	Yr3 – Buster Trip - TBC
	17 th –21 st	Earth Week
May	21 st	Earth Day
	15 th	Choir – Dorking Halls 3.30pm-8.30pm
	15 th –19 th	Outdoor Classroom Week – TBC

REMEMBER YOU CAN ACCESS OUR PARENT CALENDAR TO CHECK WHAT’S ON ANYTIME ON THE WEBSITE HERE: [HTTPS://WWW.FURZEFIELD.SURREY.SCH.UK/NEWS/CALENDAR/](https://www.furzefield.surrey.sch.uk/news/calendar/)

2022/23 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2022

- Christmas Holidays Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January 2023

Spring Term 2023

- ***INSET Tuesday 3rd January***
- Children return to school **Wednesday 4th January**
- Half Term Monday 13th - Friday 17th February
- Children return to school Monday 20th February
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Thursday 30th March**
- Children's term ends Friday 31st March (1.30pm collection)
- Easter Holidays Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April

Summer Term 2023

- Children return to school Monday 17 April
- Half Term Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June
- ***INSET Monday 5th June***
- Children return to school Tuesday 6th June
- **Nursery and Pre-School children's term ends Wednesday 19th July**
- Children's term ends Thursday 20 July (1.30pm collection)
- ***INSET Friday 21st July***