

National Parks Board SSDB Connect



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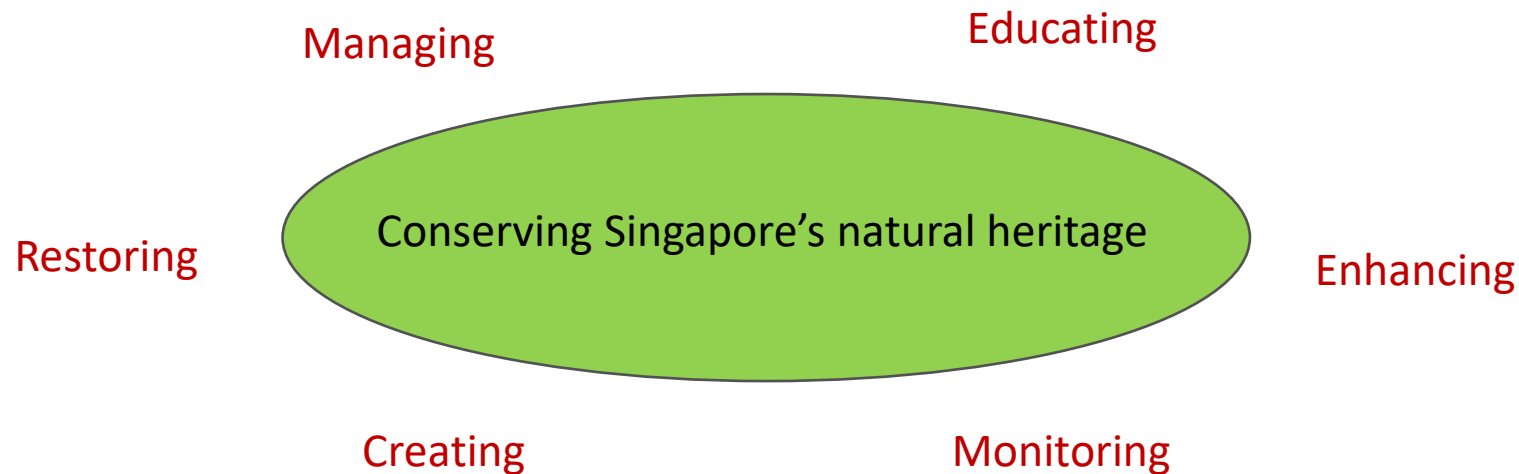
- Celebrating Our Natural Heritage (19 to 26 May 2023)
 - Formerly known as 'Biodiversity Week for Schools'
- Community in Bloom (all year round)
- NParks resources for Pre-school Centres

Introduction to Community in Nature (CIN)



Community in Nature (CIN) initiative

- Launched in 2011
- A national movement to connect and engage communities in conserving Singapore's natural heritage
- Aligned with Singapore's Green Plan, NParks' City in Nature vision and Singapore's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.



Community in Nature (CIN) initiative

Our community partners:

- Educational and research institutions
- Families
- Corporations and companies
- Non-governmental organisations
- Other agencies
- Passionate individuals

CIN Streams



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Citizen Science



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**Habitat Enhancement and
Species Recovery**



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Nature Outreach

Community in Nature (CIN) programmes

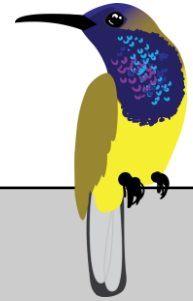
- Various programmes targeting public and students of different age groups

	Programmes	Target level	Streams		
			Citizen Science	Species Recovery & Habitat Enhancement	Nature Outreach
1	Biodiversity Week for Schools	All levels	X	X	X
2	Greening Schools for Biodiversity	Upper Primary – Pre-university	X	X	X
3	Science Communication for CIN Ambassadors	Upper Primary – Secondary			X
4	NParks CIN Biodiversity Watch	Secondary – Pre-university, Public	X		X
5	Nationwide BioBlitz cum habitat enhancement	Secondary – Pre-university, Public	X	X	X
6	Festival of Biodiversity	All levels, Public			X

Celebrating our Natural Heritage

19 to 26 May 2023

- Week-long event in May to commemorate International Day of Biological Diversity on 22nd May
- Following activities are suitable for pre-schools



Activities for schools	Programme description	Target audience
Playtime series	Learn about Singapore's biodiversity through an animation video and interactive sticker book	Preschools and Lower Primary
Green Wave	Plant native tree within school and learn about the importance of conserving them	All Schools
Festival of Biodiversity	A public festival involving community partners to showcase and raise awareness on Singapore's rich biodiversity	All Schools



www.nparks.gov.sg/biodiversityweekforschools



Playtime series

Resources provided to schools

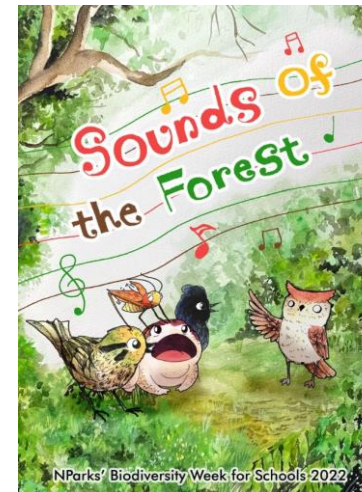
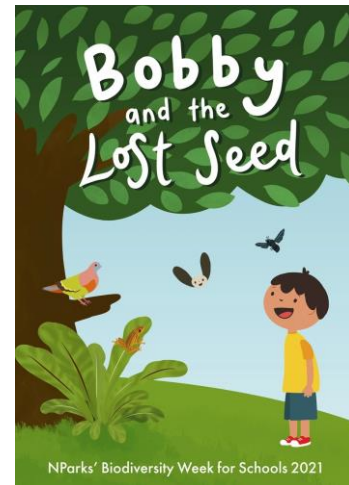
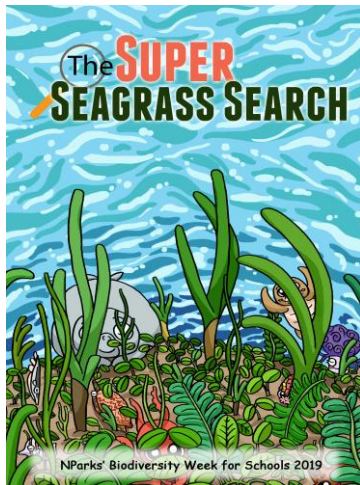
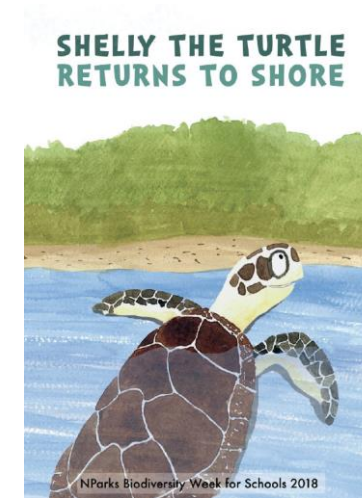
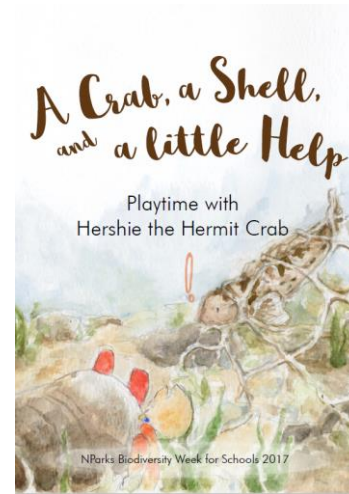
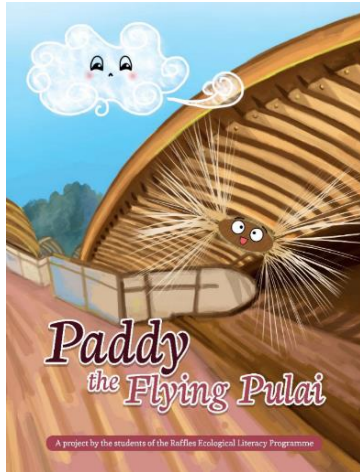
(A new activity book and video on Singapore's biodiversity is provided every year)

- Copies of Sticker Activity Book
- Animation video
- Lesson plan for teachers

Role of teachers

- Screen the animation video in class
- Facilitate the sticker book activity (suggested lesson plan will be provided)
- Submit a simple report at the end of the programme
- Encourage students to share their newly learned knowledge with their families, friends and even the communities by role-playing or reading the story aloud. These activities can be recorded on video and posted on social media platforms as part of SSDB projects

Playtime series 2015 to 2022



Playtime series – Activity Examples



"Oh dear! Maybe I can help you!" Bobby says.

"Thank you! My name is Stella. I saw a nice place when I flew here. Can you take me there?" She asks.



Help Bobby find the place described by Stella! Follow Stella's instructions to get to their destination.


1. Go past a **pond**
2. Take the **red brick path**
3. Walk past a **yellow house**
4. Turn right before the palm trees



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They continue walking along the path. Bobby hears a sound from the Bird's Nest Fern on the ground.

"KWACK!"
"KWACK!!"




Colour to find out who is sitting on the fern.
Empty space: green
Spaces with a *: light brown
Spaces with a o: dark brown

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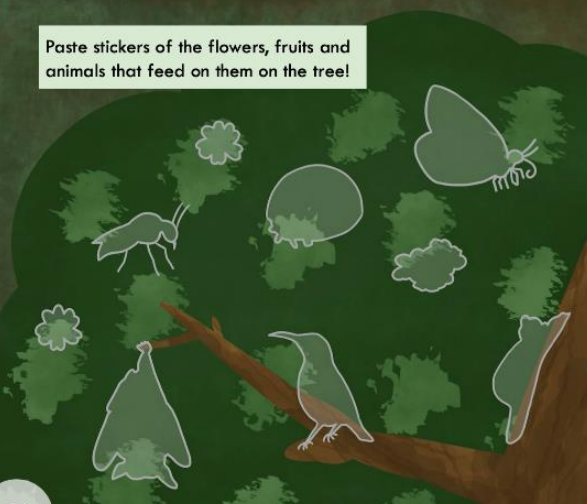


"You seem to know this place and its trees well. Do you know if there's anywhere suitable for Stella to grow?" asks Bobby.

"I know a terrific place for you! It's right around the bend. Good luck!" Callie replies.



Paste stickers of the flowers, fruits and animals that feed on them on the tree!



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Green Wave

Target group: All levels

Where: Within school campus

Aims:

- Plant locally important trees in school compound
- Learn importance of trees and ecosystem services

Contribute to OneMillionTrees Movement



Green Wave

Resources provided to schools

- A choice of native plant species (tree/shrub)
- Green wave info kit and videos
- Delivery to schools by NParks

Role of teachers

- Facilitate tree planting
- Share about the trees (Infokit will be provided)
- Submit a simple report at the end of the programme



Seashore Ardisia



Rose myrtle

For more info

Visit: <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/biodiversity/community-in-nature-initiative>

OR

Write to CIN@nparks.gov.sg to indicate your interest.



Introduction to Community In Bloom (CIB)



Launched in May 2005, CIB has more than **1,800** community gardens
across Singapore that have engaged over **45,000** volunteers



Community In Bloom Initiative



Public Housing Estates (RC, NC, RN)



Educational Institutions



Organisations

5 Simple Steps

Community gardens are created and maintained for and by the community. These are managed by Residents' Committees (RCs), Neighbourhood Committees (NCs), Residents' Network (RN), teachers, staff and volunteers with support from Managing Estates (e.g. Town Councils) and various land owners.



Design Consideration - Self Assessment Tool (Outdoor Gardens)



Sunlight



Water Source



Quality Soil



Planters



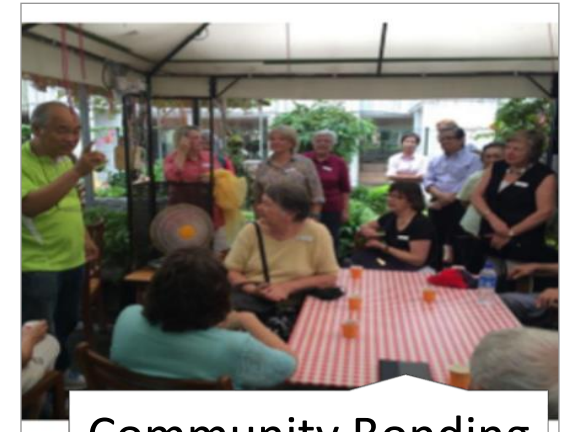
Footpath



Storage



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Community Bonding
Space

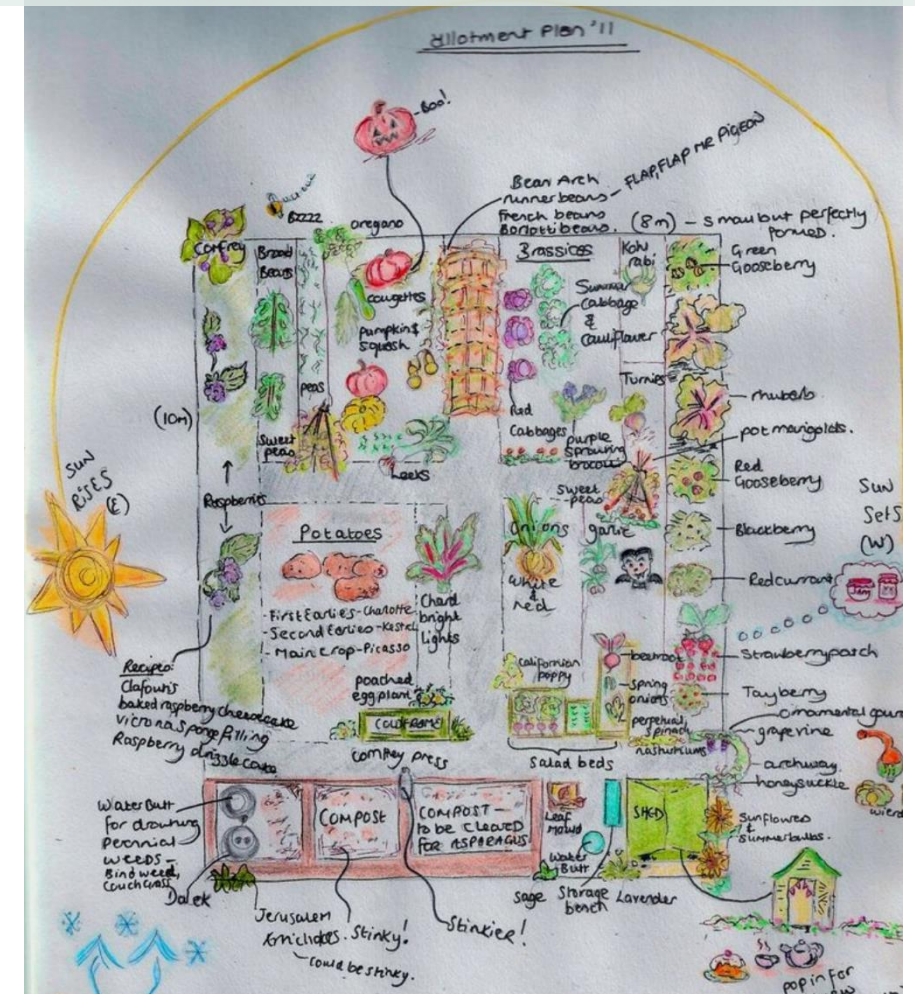
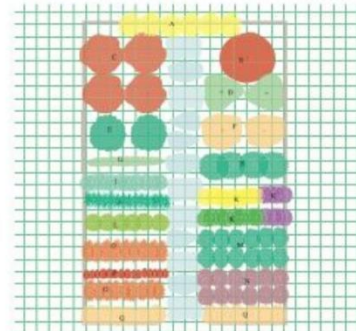
Garden Design Template



PLANT LIST

- A. 'Kong' and 'Teddy Bear' sunflowers
- B. 'Scarlet Runner' beans on tepee
- C. 'Early Girl', 'Yellow Pear', 'Big Beef', and 'Sweet 100' tomatoes
- D. 'Green Tiger' and 'Scallop' summer squashes
- E. 'Salad Bush' cucumbers
- F. 'Gypsy' peppers
- G. 'Super Snappy' snap peas
- H. 'Pacman' broccoli
- I. 'Sweet Vienna' and 'Purple Vienna' kohlrabi
- J. Green onions
- K. 'Royal Burgundy', 'Bush Blue Lake', and 'Mellow Yellow' bush beans
- L. 'Salad Bowl' leaf lettuce
- M. 'Buttercrunch' lettuce
- N. 'Red Sails' lettuce
- O. 'Kaleidoscope' carrots
- P. 'Easter Egg' radishes
- Q. 'Janie' marigolds

EACH SQUARE = 6 INCHES



Photos are for illustration only

Glory Joy Child Development Centre



MFS @ 815A Choa Chu Kang Avenue 7



PCF @ 226 Serangoon Avenue 4

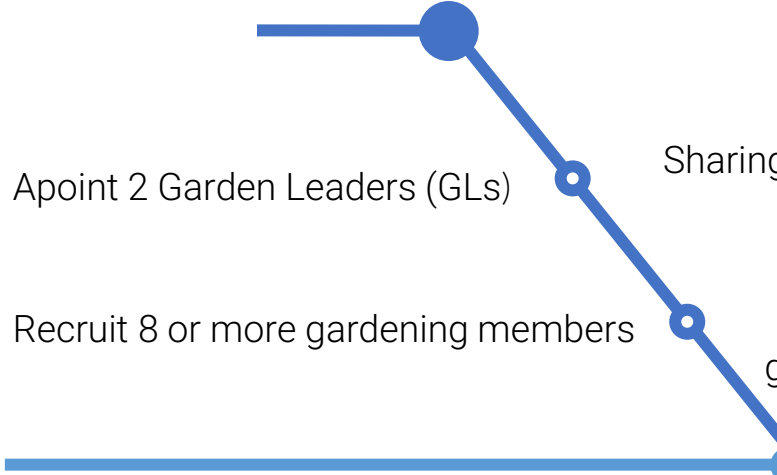


Caring For Your Garden

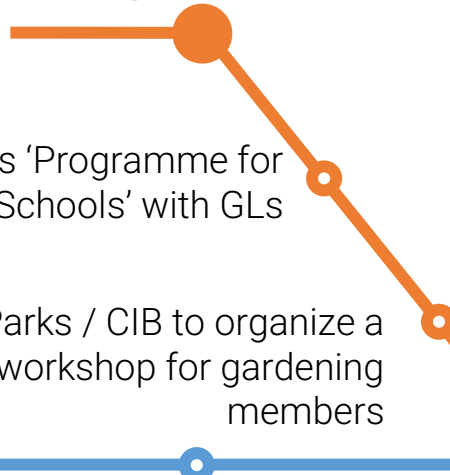
	Activities	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1st Week	Watering	N1	N2				Madam Loh	Auntie Azza
	Weeding	K1						
	Fertilizing							

CIB Support

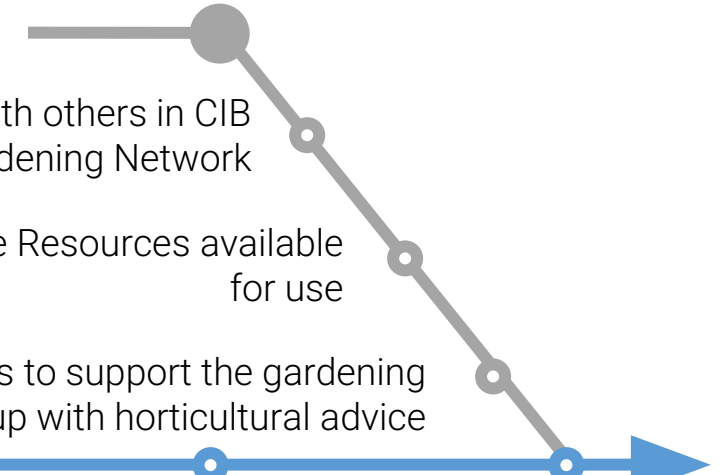
1 Setting Up A Gardening Group



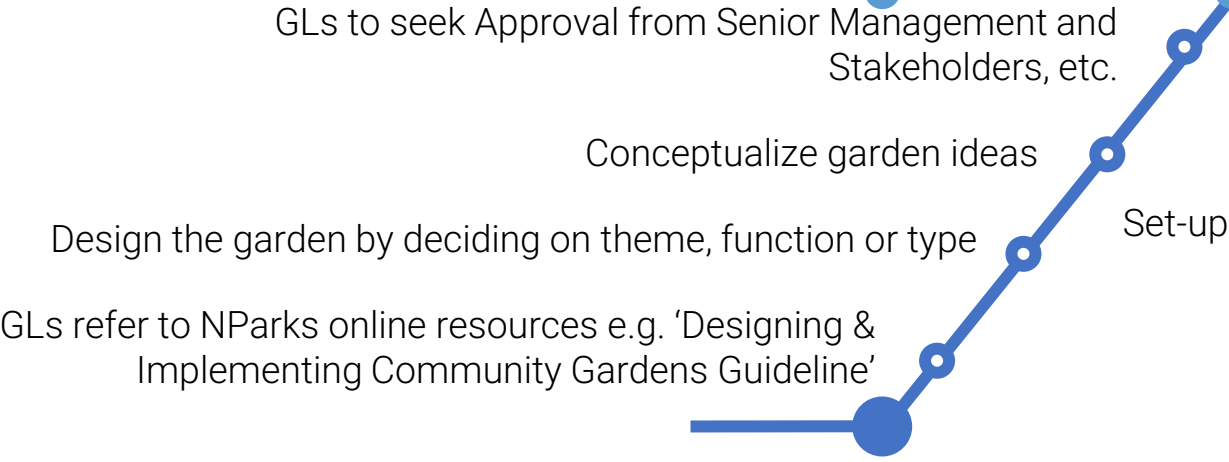
3 Workshop



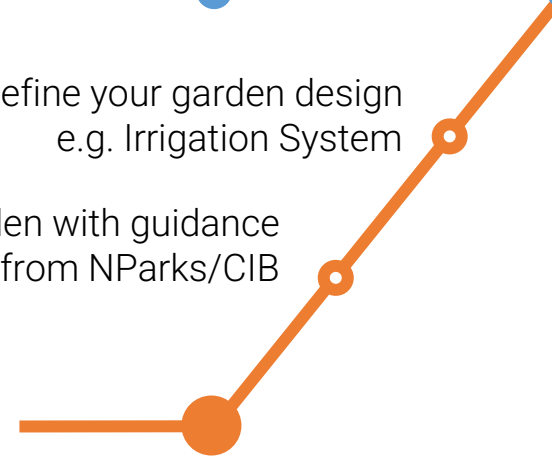
5 Garden Launch



2 Approval



4 Garden Development



Online Gardening Resources



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For safety, during and immediately after bad weather, please seek cover at the nearest shelter available and avoid entering forested areas, including nature reserves/ nature parks.

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Gardening with Edibles

Community Gardens

Community in Bloom Initiatives

Allotment Gardens

Gardening Resources

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- [What to Grow](#)
- [Caring for plants](#)
- [Flora and Fauna Web](#)
- [Gardening with Edibles Videos](#)
- [CIB Outdoor Gardening Videos](#)
- [DIY Gardening &](#)

Gardening Resources

Whether you are an amateur gardener or a seasoned horticulturist, starting a home garden or a community garden, there are plenty of useful information and guides here for your gardening hobby.

Click on a link below to continue:



Gardening Etiquette

Good housekeeping is an essential habit to maintain throughout your gardening journey. Let's play our part to keep our garden safe and enjoyable for everyone!



What to Grow

Thinking of what plants to start off with? Check out the plant recommendations on this page. These



Various Gardening Related Guides and Brochures



Gardening Related Videos

Videos

If you are someone who prefers to learn from videos or are looking for new gardening ideas, do check out our gardening videos on our [NParksSG YouTube channel](#). There are over 50 gardening videos, covering topics such as growing vegetables, making terrariums and DIY projects. Here are some of our favourite videos to get your started:

	Gardening with Edibles Videos
	DIY Gardening & Crafts Videos
	CIB Outdoor Gardening Videos

Have a gardening question on fertilisers, watering or pest management? Click [here](#) to access our compiled set of Gardening FAQs to learn more.

For CLB related enquiries, email to
Communityinbloom@nparks.gov.sg



NParks Resources for Pre-School Centres





[Online Resources for Teachers](#)



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[Setting up CLB Gardens \(Outdoor and Indoor\)](#)



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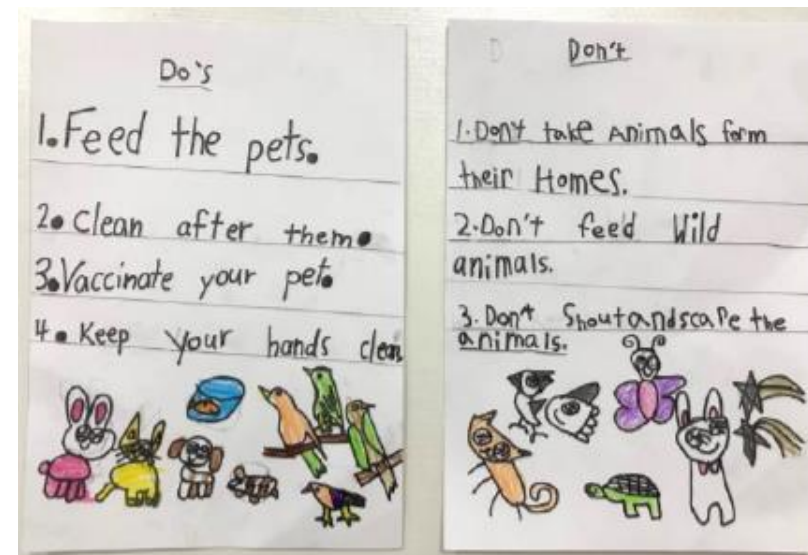
[Biodiversity Week for Schools](#)

Role of Teachers

- You may also make use of our online resources to inspire the children to share their new found knowledge with the community through posters or videos.



Children from My First Skool @ Bishan Blk 153 created posters to share about pigeon feeding messages



Children from Little Footprints Preschool @ Ubi shared about the Do's and Don't of being a responsible pet owner

Role of Teachers

- Take photos or videos of the planning, designing, planting, watering and etc.
- Share the photos and videos with us so that we can post them on our social media platforms
- Photos and videos can also be posted on your social media platforms as part of SSDB project

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