Caring for your Goldfish
Food

- Your goldfish will need fish food flakes from the pet shop or supermarket.
- Feed him only a small sprinkle every day.
- Fish enjoy nibbling at some pond weed which can bought from your pet shop.
**Water**

- Make sure your goldfish bowl or aquarium is **full of clean, cool water**.

- When you notice the water getting murky or dirty, carefully remove the fish and **clean the tank** (ask for an adult’s help with this).

- Never use soap or detergent. These make fish **very sick**.

- Aquarium filters can help to keep the water clean and your fish healthy.

- **Tropical fish** need warmer water and special equipment.
Fish need shelter too!

They need a **safe place** to live where predators like cats and birds can’t get them.

Their bowl or tank needs to be **out of the hot sun**.
Friends

- All animals can feel bored.
- Plastic toys like castles, boots and little tyres can be a great place for your fish to play and hide.
- Add some pebbles or tiny cleaned stones for your fish to play with. He will pick them up in his mouth and spit them out again.
- Fish need friends. Give your fish a playmate.
Fish can get sick too!

If your fish changes colour or if you are worried about him your vet can help.

Sometimes your pet shop can offer advice.
Life Span

- Goldfish can live for a long time, if cared for well.
- Your fish could live for up to 20 years!
- You must be prepared to care for your pet for its whole life.