

9th October, 2023

Dear Parents,

This week we will be reading the story of Elmer the Elephant. We will look at patterns and shapes whilst also discussing friendship. If your child has any stories or games relating to Elmer, elephants or jungles, they would be very welcome for our topic table this week.

We hope that the children have enjoyed reading their first few phonics reading books. Please keep the book for the week so they can practise and become fluent with it. If your child can read it fluently before the week is over, or if they do not like that particular book please let us know and we can change it. The main aim is they are excited to be reading and feel confident.

In maths this week, the children will explore how numbers can be composed of 1s and, from this, begin to investigate the composition of 3, 4 and beyond. For maths, we follow a teaching scheme called Mastering Number developed by the National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics. For some lesson starters they use BBC Numberblocks episodes to gently introduce concepts of number to support early mathematical understanding. So, if you are looking for a good educational programme for your child to watch Numberblocks is a great choice!

On Tuesday, we will visit the Congregational church as part of our Harvest festival celebrations. Thank you very much for all your kind donations.

This week, we are collecting plastic milk bottles - please can you bring in any that you may have in your recycling at home? We are hoping to make some milk bottle elephants towards the end of the week!

As always, please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

The Acorn Team

