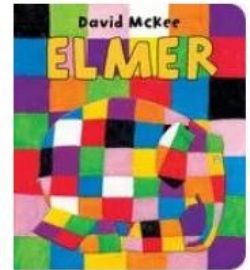




This Week's Theme

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.



Phonics

The sounds the children will learn this week are i, n, m, d. Every week we will send home a reading book based on the sounds that have been taught so far.

Please read the book to your child a few times, engaging with the pictures and allowing them to predict what might happen in the story. Then, ask your child to have a go and spot the sounds they know. Encourage them to use the initial sounds as well as the pictures to predict what the word might be. When they are ready, practise blending the sounds of each word together to read the word. Remember to keep it fun and positive and to help your child by reading it to them when needed.

We typically change the books every Monday, so the children have lots of opportunities to repeat reading the book so to gain fluency. 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.

Maths

In maths this week, the children will engage with activities that draw attention to the purpose of counting - to find out 'how many' objects there are. As they move through Reception, children will begin to develop their counting skills, organising and counting larger sets of a wide range of objects.



Mastering Number

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!

Bookbags – In order to make it easier for the children to find their bookbags easily from a box of others, please feel free to attach a keyring, ribbon or stickers (anything that makes it identifiable to your child).

Thank you for your support. Mrs Clarke, Miss Tonkyn and Mrs Upfold.