

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Elmer realises that he is special and different. What makes you special? Are you kind, funny or helpful? Draw a picture of something that's makes you special or unique.

Elephant Expressions*: How are these elephants feeling?

Celebrations- in the story they celebrate 'Elmer's day' talk about what a celebration is and the types of events we celebrate, why and how we celebrate. Link to your own family celebrations.

Hardwood Nursery School Weekly Challenges

8th June 2020

More activities can be found on our website
<http://www.harewood.wakefield.sch.uk/homelearning/>

Please add any completed challenge to the EEXAT app for your child: Thank You.

* Activities with this symbol mean that there is a sheet on our website/Facebook pages)

Maths

Can you match all your coloured socks together into pairs? Elephant Pairs Game*

Look at Elmer, do you know what shape they use for his pattern. Talk about the features of a square. Can they find any other squares around the home?

Build a colourful tower and then record how tall it is! How many Elmers? Count the number of Elmers found in the jungle!



Communication and Language

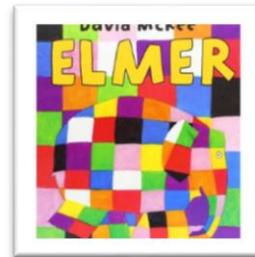
Can you find the things on the Elmer poster? Talk about who they are and can you name them?

Learn some Makaton signs from the story.*

Using expression- In the story Elmer shouts Boo, how many ways can you say Boo, for example can you whisper? Encourage your children to think of new expressions too!

Animal sounds: Elmer lives in the jungle with lots of other animals. Can you think of any other jungle animals? Try making some noises like different jungle animals, for your family to guess! You could growl like a tiger, snap like a crocodile! Try doing some actions too!

Create a special story telling chair. Can you re-tell the story to your family?



Understanding the World

Can you find out two facts about real elephants? Do you know what baby elephants are called? Why do elephants have big ears? Ask an adult to help you find out by using the internet.

What is a herd? Discuss the idea that it is a group of animals living and feeding together, in this case elephants. Talk about other animals that live in packs, flocks or shoal.

Hide the Elephant- to prepare an adult needs to hide toy elephants or pictures around the garden or house for the children to find.

Talk about how Elmer greeted the other elephants using the phrase, 'Good Morning'. How else can we greet each other; for example, through speaking (hi, hello), waving our hands or shaking hands.

Physical Development

Do the elephant stomp! Move like an elephant with their trunks swaying and heavy foot steps. Or make an elephant foot print trail using paper foot prints?

Make salt dough*, then mould the dough to make your own elephant. Once it is dry make it as colourful as Elmer!

Play follow the leader around the garden or the house.

Pin the tail on Elmer. Draw Elmer's bottom and using a ribbon or paper tail pin it on, with or without a blind fold.



Literacy

Help Elmer find his friends through the maze*

If you were an elephant what colour would you like to be? Draw your own elephant, using your favourite colours.

Use your fingers to make marks in paint, mix different colours together to see what happens.

Story sequencing*: as you tell the story, think about the order, what happens at the beginning, the middle and at the end.

If you have toy jungle animals, can you make up own story with them?



Expressive Art and Design

Make an Elmer milk bottle model * Using your Elmer milk bottle models you made can you order different sizes.? Elmer was lots of different colours, can you help him find more by making your own Elmer collage or you could use sponges or brushes or your fingers to make different patterns.

Can you pretend to be an elephant? You could make an Elmer mask or dress up like elephant If have a cardboard box that you can fit inside you could paint it to make a jungle hide away or an Elmer suit.

