

Nursery

Elmer the Elephant

Summer 2

Prime Areas

Communication and Language

Understand and ask 'why' questions.
Tell a long story.

Express a point of view and discuss ideas when they disagree.

Use talk to organise themselves and their play.
Use vocabulary linked to objects and people important to them.

Physical Development

To skip, hop, and stand on one leg, collaborate to move large items safely, and walk along a bench using their arms for support.

To hold pens and pencils with control, show a hand preference, cut in a straight line, and turn book pages one at a time.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

To recognise and manage their own feelings, think about different perspectives, and grow in confidence when experiencing new situations.

To extend and elaborate play ideas, contribute thoughtfully to group activities, and help find solutions to challenges or conflicts that arise.

Understanding the World

Personal and Social Knowledge:

They can talk about their family and past experiences, sharing stories and memories.

They show awareness of different countries and can discuss some of the differences they have seen or experienced.

Specific Areas

Literacy

We will be reading *Elmer the Elephant* and exploring the story and its characters. Children will learn new words, make meaningful marks, and notice rhyming words and initial sounds. At the end of the topic, the writing focus will be for children to write an invitation with a simple caption.

Expressive Art and Design

They show different emotions in their drawings and paintings, such as happiness, sadness, or fear.

They use art to explore and communicate their ideas by creating a picture of Elmer the Elephant with bright, patchwork patterns'

Understanding the World

Observation and Exploration:

They describe what they see using a wide and varied vocabulary.

They enjoy exploring how things work and are curious about the world around them.

Mathematics

Recognise up to 3 objects without counting ('subitising').
Understand the total number when counting small sets ('cardinal principle').
Compare objects by weight and capacity.
Spot and correct errors in repeating patterns.

Expressive Art and Design

They remember and sing entire songs, create their own songs, or improvise around songs they know.

They play instruments with increasing control to express their feelings and ideas.