

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have been meeting their new classmates and getting to know each other and their new teachers. They have been introduced to their routines for the day. This term our Topic has been all about me so the children have been looking at their features and describing them to each other, and creating self-portraits which are going to be displayed in the classroom. They have also made a booklet about themselves, where they have drawn things that they like and dislike and the members of their family. In Numeracy we have been exploring repeating patterns and the children have been creating their own patterns.

- We have been reading 'Harry and the Dinosaurs' and looking at the similarities between Harry's School and Derwentwater
- We have been practising our 'Perfect Pencil Grip' when writing and drawing. Use our three 'worker' fingers for holding the pencil or pen.
- We have also been enjoying some 'relaxing time' after lunch, and have been doing some yoga as a class. This helps us to calm ourselves to re-enter the classroom ready to learn. We have been slowing down our breaths and relaxing our bodies to help refocus the children for the afternoon session.



This week are stars of the week are:

- Turtles - Ethan
- Dolphins - Harrison

### Important Information

- Half Term Dates - This term will end on the Friday 18th October and next term begins on Monday 28th October.
- Resource Donation - We are asking for a donation of £2 per half term or £10 for the year from each child to cover the cost of cooking supplies and other non-reusable resources (e.g. bread for making sandwiches or flour and oil for making playdough).
- Please can you bring in a spare pair of clothes in a bag to leave at school in case of emergencies!

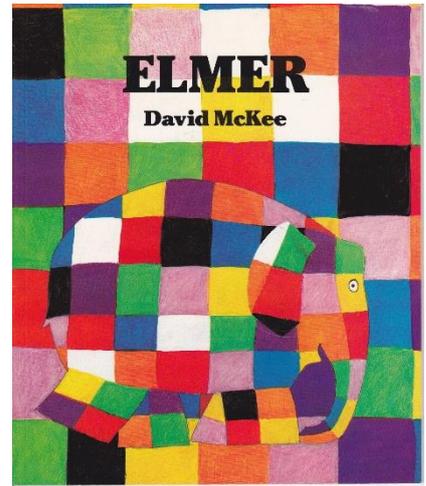
## Next week - Beginning 23rd of September

Focus Book - Elmer

Our focus book for next week is 'Elmer. The children will continue to work on their name writing and letter formation. We will also be recognising what makes us feel happy and sad.

The number of the week will be Zero and the children will practice forming the number in the correct way.

The children will also continue working on their repeating pattern formation.



### Ideas for Home

- Supporting Independence
  - o Children getting dressed on their own in the morning
  - o Practising buttons and zips
  - o Practising cutting skills
  - o Children feeding themselves
  - o Children washing their hands
  - o Children keeping a clean body
  - o Children drinking plenty of water
  - o Children blowing their own noses

### Keywords

These are words you could discuss with your child at home over the weekend

- Sad
- Happy
- Same
- Different
- Big
- Colourful

### Safeguarding:

Please remember children need to be dismissed by their teacher at the end of the day. Please DO NOT call your child over as the Class Teachers need to ensure they have seen each child leave with their parent/carer.

Many thanks for your support,  
The Reception Team  
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