

# What is happening in Reception this week?

15<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Literacy

We will be reading and exploring the story of Elmer, thinking about how we are all special and unique. We will look at the setting, characters and linking the story to our topic work on colour. We now have phonics groups at different stages of reading. We will be revising the sounds we have learned as it is really important we can read our sounds quickly. We are learning to blend and spell words using our sounds. When we are reading words, we bring home word books and reading sheets called Ditties.



## Maths

We have been learning about number 9 and will be learning all about number 10 this week. We will explore different ways to show the number 10 and different ways to make number 10. We will also be working on remembering our number facts up to 5.



## Topic

This week we will be focusing on colour - just like Elmer. We will be exploring how to make certain colours by mixing primary colours (plus white) together. We will use our new colours to do some painting by numbers of an Elmer picture. We will also explore colour patterns and we will be experimenting with blow painting.

This week we will also be learning about road safety.

## Messages

To promote good behaviour for learning, every Friday Mrs Kalampaliki will give out a "WOW" certificate to a child who worked well all week or produced a wow piece of work. The certificate will go on our WOW wall and stay there for one week.

We are aiming for all children to go on the wall throughout the year so please encourage them to keep working hard, especially if your child gets upset because it is not them.

**Please remember named wellies!**



## How can you help at home?

The children are now grouped for their phonics. Some children have many gaps in their sounds that need to be learned as quickly as possible. Some children find it difficult to remember them and need your help. Please help your child by practising them daily. You can use the videos to help you! Please remember to record this reading of sounds in their diary. Please practise forming the sounds and provide plenty of opportunities for your child to develop their pencil control with colouring books, white boards, drawing, painting with a brush, etc. Also please practise orally blending sounds into words. Say some 3-sound words for your child to orally blend. This is words like c-a-p for cap and d-i-g for dig (see Fred Games links). Each week, on a Friday, the children will be able to select a book from class to bring home for you to read with them. They should return the book by the following Friday so they can select a new one to take home. Please talk to your child about anything and everything to develop their oral skills and extend vocabulary. This week's focused vocabulary (covered at school last week): **rainbow, colour/s, feeling/s, Noah's Ark, Christian, the past, mixing, different, special, animal/s**, please talk about these words with your child. We have also been learning these words from our story on the Rainbow fish: **sparkling, emerged, admire, discover, glide**, please encourage them by using these at home too.

**Please see Mrs Kalampaliki or Ms York if you have any comments, concerns or questions.  
Have a lovely week!**