

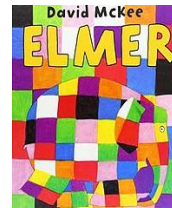
# A warm Reception welcome!



## Welcome to Emscote Infant School!

We are SO proud of how well the children have started school this week! They have come into school really happily and confidently. They have listened carefully to the routines and instructions. We have really enjoyed meeting them finally, showing them around and getting to know them. What super stars! You must be so proud.

## Topic:



For the next two weeks our topic will be '**Elmer**' the patchwork elephant. We will be learning about colour, being unique, story sequencing and making some fabulous crafts! PSHE, RE, Music, PE, Yoga, Singing, Art and assemblies will all begin too!

## Phonics:

We will be starting our phonics lessons where the children carry out practical phonics tasks with the focus next week on **s** and **a**.

Please help them find objects around the house or think of objects that begin with a s or an a.

## Maths:

Next week in Maths the children will be learning about **matching and sorting** objects. We will be encouraging them to explain their reasoning and understanding.

Please can you follow these instructions using an empty **milk plastic bottle** (ideally 4 pint size). Send into school by **27 September**



1. Draw a line just under the handle of the carton.

2. Cut along the line and continue cutting around the carton until you have cut off the bottom half. You may need an adult's help.

3. Draw an arch on each side of the carton and one on the back of the carton (on the opposite side to the handle). Cut these out to make the legs.

The children will decorate their milk bottles in school to make their own Elmers:



## Names to faces, introducing the team!



### Top row from left to right:

**Mrs Fawbert** (Cherry teacher and EYFS Leader), **Mrs Gray** (Willow teacher), **Mrs Vallins** (Cherry/Willow teacher and PE Leader), **Mrs Hart** (Willow Teaching Assistant), **Mrs Ormandy** (Cherry Teaching Assistant),

### Bottom row from left to right:

**Miss Witnall** and **Miss Reilly** (working in Cherry/Willow class to support)

### Cherry staffing each week:

**Monday:** Mrs Fawbert

**Tuesday:** Mrs Vallins

**Wednesday:** Mrs Fawbert and then Mrs Vallins for an hour during the afternoon

**Thursday:** Mrs Fawbert

**Friday:** Mrs Fawbert

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Mrs Ormandy, Miss Reilly and Mrs Witnall are in all week.

### Willow staffing each week:

**Monday:** Mrs Gray

**Tuesday:** Mrs Gray

**Wednesday:** Mrs Gray

**Thursday:** Mrs Vallins

**Friday:** Mrs Gray

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Mrs Hart, Miss Reilly and Mrs Witnall are in all week.

### **What's going on this week/notices/information:**

**Dropping your child off:** From next week, please say goodbye to your child at the top Reception gates between 8.45-8.55am. Staff will be on the playground to greet them and bring them into class.

**'Elmer Day' – Wednesday 29 September:** As a fun way to be finishing off our few weeks learning about Elmer, we thought it would be nice to have an 'Elmer Day' just as they do at the end of the story. Your child can dress in a fun combination of the brightest, most patterned, 'garish' clothes they have!

**Toast money:** Next week your child will start having toast as a mid-morning snack. Please send **£5** in a **named envelope, bag or purse, in your child's hand (rather than book bag please)** to pay up until half term.

**Tapestry online learning journal:** There are some parents who haven't informed me of their name, email address and child's name, so that I can make parental accounts for our online Tapestry Journals. These details need to be sent to [yearreis@welearn365.com](mailto:yearreis@welearn365.com)

Then you will be able to access your child's online learning journal to see some of the lovely things they are doing at school. Please remember that the majority of their work goes into books or onto display. We spend the majority of our time engaging with your child face to face, playing alongside them and moving their learning on. Whole class and year group activities will be uploaded to Tapestry and 'Wow Moments' for individuals. Over the next few weeks we will share a few extra Tapestries, so that you can see how they are settling.

You too are welcome to add your own 'observations' of any learning or 'Wow Moments' your child has at home that you'd like us to see. They are very simple to upload, with a photo or video. You can download the Tapestry app onto your mobile phones, for ease.

**Bookbags:** **Letters and any crafts** will be put in your child's bookbags so please check these **each night**. If you have any **letters or slips** to return to school/get to us then please do not put these in the bookbag as we don't get time to check them. Instead, give them directly to Mr Queralt or Mrs Ormandy on the gate in the mornings. We will keep your child's **reading packet** in their bookbag so please make sure these are in their bookbags each day, ready to read with us anytime. Reading Packets will be given out during the next few weeks.

**PE Days (This will start from W/C 20<sup>th</sup> Sept)**

On PE days we ask that children come in dressed in their PE kit. This includes outdoor trainers, a white t-shirt, navy/black shorts, navy/black tracksuit bottoms and a school jumper/cardi as the weather begins to turn colder. PE days are:

Willow Class: **THURSDAY**

Cherry Class: **TUESDAY**

**We hope you all have a lovely weekend!**