

F2 - Week 3 Elmer, the elephant

Reading the story

See Video on Dojo or PowerPoint to read the story if you haven't got the book

Ideas to discuss after reading:

- While reading count all the different things the children can see.
- How many elephants are there?
- How many different colours has Elmer got?
- How many berries are there on the bush?
- What did you like about the story?
- Discuss with the children how Elmer was different.
- Why did Elmer decide to paint herself with berry juice?
- Is it okay to be different?
- Have you ever felt left out of something?
- Let's make a storyboard. You draw pictures from the story in order to retell it.

Songs with / about elephants:

Elephants have wrinkles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJonGSbUWXE>
(teaches body parts)

One elephant went out to play:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAangIPkQ8A> (counting)

Elmer Arts, Craft and baking

Elephants made out of egg cartons. Cut the bottom of the milk carton and around the handle to make them look like elephants. Use colourful paper (tissue paper if you have it) and glue to cover them. If you don't have paper, maybe try felt tip pens, newspapers, magazines etc. Ask the children to help you cut the paper up into squares. See how it's made:

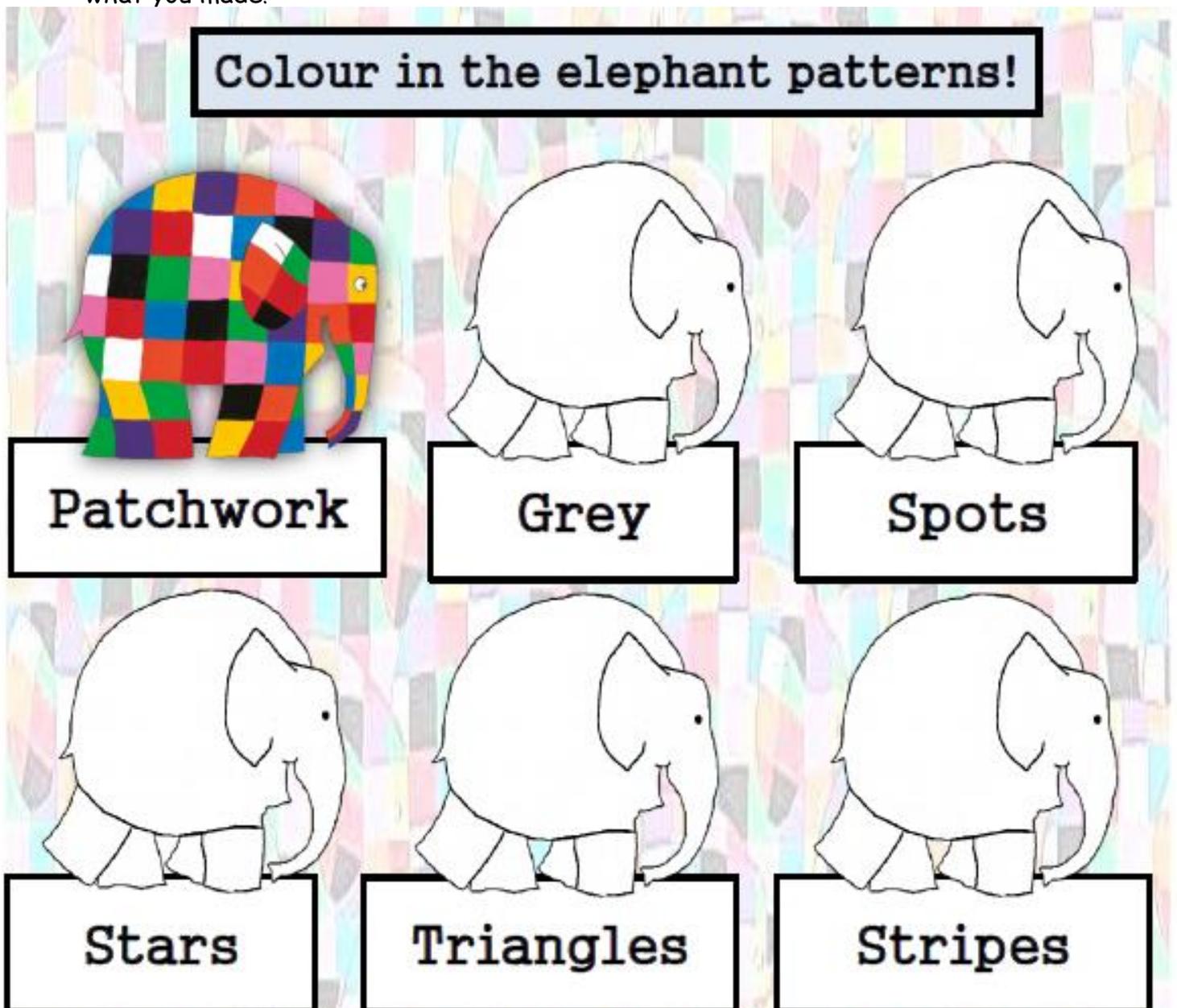
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ORyuYb6V0f8>



2. Use coloured card or toilet roll holders to make elephants. The children could draw and cut the ears and trunks and draw the eyes. These could be used to sing the 'One elephant went out one day' song or for any role play.



3) Draw a big elephant on the floor outside and let your child decorate it with chalk. Or do this inside on a large sheet of paper. Your child could decorate it with various pieces of paper you have at home, or just doodle on it. Show us what you made!



Making elephant biscuits or making them from playdough.

1) Playdough recipe (no cooking)



Mix 150g plain flour, 150g fine salt, 1 teaspoon of oil and 100ml cold water until it forms a dough. If too sticky, add more flour. You can colour the dough before you mix all the ingredients together- e.g cocoa powder, turmeric, paprika powder, food colouring, instant coffee. If you roll them out quite thin (3mm) the children can cut elephants or whatever they like and then you could dry them in the oven on 100 C (about 3 hours). Once cool, the children can paint them.

2) Simple biscuit recipe



Ingredients

110g (4oz) butter or margarine
110g (4oz) soft brown sugar
1 egg
225g (8oz) plain flour
1 pinch of salt
1 tsp mixed spice

For decorating

food colouring
cotton buds

Equipment

a large mixing bowl
a sieve
a teaspoon & tablespoon
a wooden spoon
elephant cutter
boards and rolling pins
a cup
scales
baking trays & wire rack

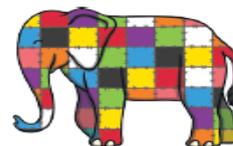
This recipe makes approximately 20 biscuits.

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 190°C (375F) gas mark 5.
2. Mix the butter and sugar in the bowl until smooth and creamy.
3. Crack the egg into the cup, then add it to the mixture and stir well.
4. Sift the flour, salt and mixed spice and mix to form a dough.
5. Sprinkle some flour on a board or clean work surface.
6. Take some of the dough and roll out until about 5mm thick.
7. Cut out elephant shapes and lift carefully onto baking trays.
8. Bake for about 15 minutes until golden brown.
9. Cool on a wire tray.

Decorating the biscuits:

10. Mix some food colouring with a little water in a small bowl.
11. Use the cotton buds to paint decorations on the biscuits. or
12. Decorate with icing and sprinkles.



Phonics for Week 3

The links below are from the www.phonicsplay.co.uk website. You will need to log in:

login:march20

password:home (It's free for now)

You will need to allow [Adobe Flash Player](#) on your device.

Rhyming words:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/CakeBake.html>



Sound flashcards while 'driving' a racing car:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/Flashcards.html>

Start with Phase 2 if your child is still learning to read words up to Bear 7

Select Phase 2 + 3 if your child has already been reading words above Bear 7.



Read the words and match to the pictures

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/member-only/PictureMatch.html>

Start with Phase 2 if your child is still learning to read words up to Bear 7, then move on to Phase 3

Select 3 if your child has already been reading words above Bear 7.



Tricky words song (Phase 2): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2dx65u59aw&t=28s>

Beware! Very it has a very catchy tune!

Practise writing tricky words, words from the games above and sentences you make up. To make it fun, why not try writing in flour, hot chocolate powder or ground coffee?



