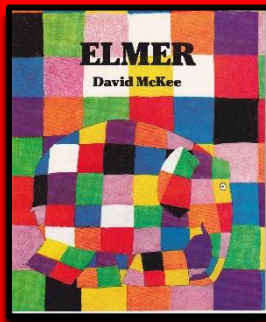


Elmer: David McKee

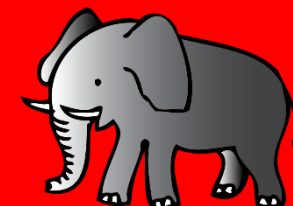
Things you will learn whilst reading this book:

- Counting
- The colours of the rainbow
- About being different



Playful opportunities:

- Enjoy an Elmer party - dress in bright coloured clothes and patterns and have a party tea. Bring your toy elephants and cuddly toys to the party. Hmm I wonder what an elephant would like to eat at a party?
- Look at other stories by David McKee. Read more of the Elmer series.
- Make large elephant ears to wear out of cardboard - go on an elephant listening walk. See photo in blog.
- Sorting colours and naming colours
- Explore colour mixing and making new colours - what could you call your new colour?
- Decorate a new elephant using pattern, paint, colour, textures.
- Make a paper plate elephant - you could even cut a hole through the middle so you arm and hand can become the trunk! Then you can take your Elmer out and about with you 😊



Questions to ask whilst reading the book together:

- What might elephants say to each other?
- How do you think Elmer feels being different from his friends?
- Can you count the berries on the bush?
- How many coloured patches are on Elmer?
- What is your favourite colour?

What could you do as you share the book:

- Look at the decorated elephants on Elmer day - which is your favourite and why?
- Can you describe one of the elephants on the last page.
- Play I spy and guess which elephant you are thinking of.
- Talk about similarities and differences - why didn't Elmer want to be different?

Some things you could find to go with this book:

- Photos of elephants or toy elephants
- Colour charts from DIY shops for all the different colours
- Patchwork quilt all colours of the rainbow