## Topic

Our starting interest this half term is Elmer the Elephant

This half term Reception will be learning to ...

COMMUNICATION AND	PERSONAL SOCIAL AND	PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
<ul> <li>LANGUAGE</li> <li>Give attention to what others say and respond appropriately</li> <li>Listen and respond to ideas expressed by others</li> <li>Answer how and why questions</li> <li>Extend vocabulary (linked to our topic)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT</li> <li>Take account of one another's ideas</li> <li>Talk about how they and others show feelings</li> <li>Show sensitivity to others needs and feelings</li> <li>Talk about behaviour and its consequences</li> <li>Appreciate that we are all different</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Travel with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment (large apparatus)</li> <li>Understand the need for safety</li> <li>Yoga - balances and poses</li> <li>Use a pencil to correctly form letters</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>LITERACY</li> <li>Know that information can be retrieved from books and computers</li> <li>Demonstrate understanding about what they have read</li> <li>Write short sentences in meaningful contexts</li> <li>Write instructions T4W recipe</li> <li>Write irregular common words</li> </ul>	Elmer the Elephant	<ul> <li>MATHEMATICS</li> <li>Recognise and use numbers to 20</li> <li>Sequence numbers to 20</li> <li>Solve number problems</li> <li>Understand doubling, halving and sharing</li> <li>Understand addition and subtraction</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD</li> <li>Be aware of different environments</li> <li>Talk about similarities and differences between their lives and others</li> <li>Investigate colours</li> <li>Science experiments</li> <li>Use laptops and simple programmes to create computer art</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN</li> <li>Experiment with mixing different colours</li> <li>Explore a variety of materials and techniques</li> <li>Link to Elmer and artists</li> <li>Sing songs and play instruments</li> <li>Change sounds on instruments</li> <li>Make models</li> <li>Drama</li> </ul>	CORE VALUE Forgiveness RE Stories Jesus told • Zaccheus • The Prodigal Son • The Lost Sheep The Easter Story

You can help at home by

- Making a rainbow (in any way you choose) and upload it to Tapestry
- Reading Elmer books or watching the videos on YouTube
- Looking at art and artists