

Dear Families,

What a colourful and creative week we've had in pre-school!

This week, we've been exploring the wonderful story of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant. The children have loved discovering Elmer's bright patchwork patterns and have been busy creating their own colourful designs. We also looked closely at patterns in nature, such as zebra stripes and leopard spots, inspiring the children to experiment with repeating patterns through a range of creative activities and play.

With the recent hot weather, we focused on calm, cooling activities to help everyone stay comfortable. Water play was a firm favourite, and the children showed fantastic imagination as they invented a "human sprinkler" game, spinning around while holding a small watering can! It brought lots of laughter and smiles to the garden. We also made good use of the shaded areas throughout the day and encouraged regular drinks to help everyone keep cool.

At snack time, we made the children a refreshing ice pop to enjoy, which was a welcome treat before they happily returned to their play.

Our weekly cooking activity was another success! The children made patterned cheese on toast using red Leicester and cheddar cheese, carefully arranging the different colours to create their own edible works of art. They were very proud of their creations and enjoyed tasting them too!

We are so proud of how the children continue to grow, not only in their learning but also in their kindness, creativity and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see them supporting one another and sharing their ideas throughout the week.

Book of the week: Elmer by David McKee

Song of the week: Nellie the Elephant

Makaton sign: Elephant

Sound of the week: "x" as in box, fox and wax

Reminder: On Wednesday 15th July at 2.15 pm in the school hall, we will be holding our Pre-school Celebration for the families of children who will be starting school in September. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you. We are pleased to be able to offer 4 tickets per child to this event. Please complete this Google [form](#).

Have a fabulous weekend,

The pre-school team